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## "GOOD BYE, BILL"

A JOYOUS FAREWELL UNLESS HE IS NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT.

## GRIM SPECTRE LOOMS UP

Roosevelt and La Follette Men Promise Trouble for Present Incumbent of the White House.

(BY VAN CLEVELAND)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1911.—The great Republican hurdle race is on. The national committee has met and the big convention to nominate the man who will not be the next president will be held at Chicago June 18. The big politicians were here. They fought behind closed doors, gave out guarded interviews, and went home to fight some more.

The "big stick" and the big teeth loomed up like a grim spectre before Mr. Taft and his friends. The Taft men easily dominated the meeting but the committeemen had guests who were exceedingly troublesome. There was state chairman Brown of Ohio for instance who wanted a state wide primary in Ohio and who declared that, if he could get it, the president would not get the Ohio delegations. Ohio promises to be the great battle ground of 1912. Senator La Follette and his friends will carry the war right into the heart of the president's play grounds. Chairman Brown is credited as an able and an astute politician and he went home openly promising trouble. Mr. La Follette is arranging an extensive speaking tour in which Ohio will be a conspicuous figure. If Mr. Taft secures the nomination, he will have the fight of his life to carry his home state. On the other hand Democratic national committeeman Garber of Ohio has been making war on Gov. Harmon, so there are busy times ahead in the buckeye state which ever way you look.

Then there is Chairman Lee of the Republican state committee of Indiana. He was another obnoxious guest of the national committee. He says if Mr. Taft is nominated he can not carry Indiana. He says he has been out among the people and that he speaks by the card. National committeeman New on the other hand, says that Mr. Lee was sent here by way of New York and intimates that visions of the Big Stick are disturbing his slumbers. He insists that, if Taft can not carry Indiana, no other Republican can. The national committeeman from New York, also out of line, refused to attend the President's dinner given in honor of the committee and the word comes today that state chairman Barnes of the same state has joined the revolt. The President's friends here profess no alarm and the newspapers attempt to minimize the spectre but the word has gone out to all parts of the country to make sure of instructed delegations and to lose no time in nailing down the friendly state. Roosevelt may not want the presidency. He has suggested to his friends that they should not work for

him, which may be a good way to put them on edge, but he has not said he would refuse a nomination and he is not giving any comfort to either Taft or La Follette. The President will probably be nominated on the first ballot but, if he is not, it will be "Good bye Bill."

## DIED IN ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY.

Went There Seven Weeks Ago to Get Employment.

The body of John Hawks, who died Sunday night in St. Joseph, was brought to Maryville Monday night and taken to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Seals, where the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Parvin, pastor of the M. E. church, South. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

The deceased was 17 years old. He went to St. Joseph seven weeks ago and secured employment. His death was caused by pneumonia. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Helena, Mo., was here to attend the funeral. He is survived by his mother, five brothers, Willis, Henry, Woodard, Clyde and Claude Hawks, and three sisters, Mrs. Golda Still, Mrs. Sylvia Saird and Amanda Hawks. Mrs. Margaret Seals and Charles Alexander of this city are his uncle and aunt.

## E. F. JONES HERE.

Understood That He is to Remain Here Until Election Working With Local Committee.

E. F. Jones, a prominent state temperance worker, arrived in Maryville Monday night and will probably remain here until the local option election, January 5. What work Mr. Jones is to do, the temperance people will not say for publication, but it is supposed that he will work with the local option committee, aiding and assisting them in the campaign.

Dr. Albert Bushnell, who was in the city Monday and Tuesday conferring with the local committee, left Tuesday afternoon for Kansas City.

The local option campaign headquarters are located in the Roseberry building, at room 15. The committee here is not to have any more outside help than necessary in this campaign, as this movement to have the question submitted is a citizens' movement.

## A THREE DAYS' TRIP.

Normal Basket Ball Team to Play at Amity, Tarkio and Skidmore.

Coach Moore and his basket ball warriors will take a three days' trip, commencing Thursday morning, December 22. On Thursday night they will play Amity college at College Springs. From College Springs the boys journey to Tarkio, where they meet the Tarkio high school team on Friday night. From Tarkio they return to Skidmore, where they meet the Skidmore Teddy Bears on Saturday night. The locals have beaten all of these teams on the home floor and they hope to repeat on their opponents' courts. The following will make the trip: Coach V. I. Moore, Harry Mitchell, Vernie Seymour, Harlie Seymour, Roy McGrew, Fred Vandersloot and Kirby Taylor.

The initial game of a three game series which was to have been staged between the local high school team and the Normal first team on Wednesday afternoon at the Normal gymnasium has been called off. Captain Quinn's illness was given as the reason for the postponement.

## WITH U. S. BUREAU

Of Animal Industry as Veterinary Inspector at San Francisco.

Dr. J. Woods Morgan of Graham, a graduate of the Kansas City Veterinary college, has recently received an appointment with the U. S. bureau of animal industry as veterinary inspector, and reports for duty December 26 at San Francisco.

## Is Visiting Here.

B. H. Alexander of Bushnell, Ill., arrived in the city Tuesday morning for a visit here with his wife and baby at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith. They will leave the first week in January for Houston, Texas, where they will spend the winter.

## Attended Funeral at Arkoe.

G. W. Swinford and daughter, Miss Irene Swinford, and Mrs. Swinford's son-in-law, H. J. Parrish, went to Arkoe Tuesday morning to attend the funeral services of Mrs. W. S. Swinford, who was the wife of Mr. Swinford's only brother. The services were held Tuesday forenoon at 11 o'clock at Swinford church, three miles east of Arkoe, conducted by Rev. Claude J. Miller.

## REVENUE NOT ISSUE

MR. GILLAM SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE MATTER WAS RAISED.

## BETTER OFF WITHOUT IT

Cited Other Cities That Have Increased in Population and Have Got Along Without Saloons.

The temperance mass meeting held in the circuit court room Monday evening was well attended and many times were the speakers of the evening applauded heartily when they attacked the saloons here. George Moore, vice president of the local option campaign committee, presided at the meeting, and after several songs were sung, with Prof. H. J. Becker as leader, Mr. Moore called George Moore, Jr., who recited a poem on the liquor question.

S. G. Gillam was the first speaker, and delivered a speech which contained convincing arguments why the saloons should be put out of business in Maryville. Mr. Gillam said that the liquor question is wrong, and that being admitted by even those on the other side, why should they vote to retain these places. "Just because these people want to save a few dollars and cents," added Mr. Gillam.

"The question of revenue the saloons pay to the city is a most unfortunate thing for Maryville," said Mr. Gillam, "and in my opinion does more harm than good. Why can't Maryville run its city government without the licenses of the saloons? To look at the prohibition map you will find that Maryville is the only dark spot in Northwest Missouri, and the only reason it is there is to save dollars and cents."

Continuing, Mr. Gillam said: "If the saloons are a benefit to a town, why is it that many towns that have been without saloons have gained in population during the past year? For instance, take towns about the size of Maryville, with the same surroundings. There's Shenandoah, they gained 1,403 in ten years; Clarinda, 556; Red Oak, 475; Liberty, Mo., 573; and Maryville, with saloons, only gained 189 during the last decade.

"From a viewpoint of a banker, I find that in all these above mentioned towns, that the amount deposited in the banks, with one exception, is far greater per capita than is deposited in the banks in Maryville.

"To vote for the saloons from a dollar and cents standpoint, I believe, is a false theory of economy in public matters.

"Only recently I have gone over the book of the police judge, and I find that out of 232 cases during the year 1911, 159 cases were for drunkenness and the majority of the other cases were directly attributed to liquor. The same thing is true in the insane asylums over the country as it is in the police court of the cities."

Attorney Ellis G. Cook followed Mr. Gillam, and in a ringing speech said that it was hardly worth while to talk on this matter, as there was only one side to the question. "There is no compromise in me," said Mr. Cook, "and on January 5 I will vote to remove these two institutions from our city, even if it takes my right arm to do it."

## COUNTY COURT TO MEET.

Special Term of the Court on Wednesday to Hear an Insane Case.

A special term of the county court will be held Wednesday, the purpose of the meeting being to take up an insane case. An information was issued stating that Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stackhouse of Conception Junction was insane, and that she be sent by the court to the state hospital at St. Joseph, and the court is to hear this case tomorrow.

## Will Visit His Parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gile and children left Tuesday morning for Baxter Springs, Kan., to spend two weeks or more with Mr. Gile's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gile. The senior Mr. Gile formerly lived in Nodaway county and was a well known contractor and builder. The Maryville visitors spent Tuesday in Kansas City and at Bonner Springs, where they visited Mrs. Gile's uncle, Luther David, a merchant of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Airy of Kansas City arrived in Maryville Monday night to spend Christmas with Mr. Airy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Airy.

## USE IN GUIDE BOOK

RUNNING DIRECTIONS PRINTED FOR CONVENIENCE OF AUTOISTS.

## ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Party Taking Directions of 1910 Glidden Route Guests of Local Club at the Linville Tuesday

A party of Tarkio and Burlington Junction autoists came to Maryville Tuesday noon, after having taken the running directions of the Glidden tour road of 1910 from Tarkio to Maryville, for the purpose of having the same printed in the official guide book for autoists, the Blue Book. The automobile club of this city expects to take the directions from here to Savannah and back, and the Savannah club will take it in to St. Joseph.

It is necessary to have the running directions of the road before they will use it in the automobile guide book, and it is the purpose of the Maryville and Tarkio autoists to have the Glidden tour route of 1910 from Kansas City to Omaha printed in the Blue Book for next year, so the traveling autoists will use this road.

A meeting is being held this afternoon at the Elks club of the Automobile club members of this city and the out-of-town autoists, and plans are being made to get this route in the guide book.

The party from Tarkio and Burlington Junction were entertained at dinner at the Linville Tuesday by the Automobile club of this city. In the party were Mayor H. H. Hall, W. F. Rankin, J. W. Hanna, Arthur Rankin, Robert McPherson, Harry Volker, Rev. Dr. Pierce, George Luckhardt, Howard Thompson, Frank Travis, W. M. Rankin, John Stafford, C. H. Whitlow, W. F. Marshall and J. E. Travis of Tarkio, and O. F. Wilson, Jacob Drago, I. N. Staples and John Sewell of Burlington Junction, and G. B. Roseberry, Paul Slisson, George L. Willey, Joseph Jackson, Jr., Robert G. Sanders, Mayor A. S. Robey, George McMurray, E. C. Curfman, Earl Barmann, James Todd and J. Fred Hull of this city.

## FOR THE ELEVATOR.

More Subscriptions Being Received From the Various Lodges of the City.

Nic Sturm, treasurer of the hospital elevator fund movement, reported Tuesday that the Knights of Columbus had given \$50 and that the Foresters had given \$25 to the fund for the new electric elevator in St. Francis hospital. Many circular letters were sent out Monday evening and Tuesday over Nodaway county and the country to those who had been patients at the hospital, asking them of the movement and how important the elevator is needed in the hospital, and asking that they subscribe to the fund.

## ENROLLMENT 240.

Normal School Enrollment is Good For This Term.

According to the report of George B. Baker, State Normal treasurer, 219 tuitions have been paid for the winter term up to December 19. This is a good increase over the paid tuitions of the winter quarter of 1910, which numbered 180.

The above numbers do not represent the entire enrollment, however, as free tuition is granted graduates of the Normal and winners of county scholarships of counties in this district.

The entire enrollment for this quarter is 240 up to December 19, and the probabilities are that a number of new students will enter after the Christmas holidays.

## Spent Day With Relatives.

Mrs. Edward L. Townsend and her daughter, Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend, went to St. Joseph Tuesday morning to spend the day with Mrs. Eugene F. Michau.

## Sang in Assembly.

The State Normal Quartette sang in high school assembly Monday afternoon, Mr. Orlo Quinn, a high school student, being a member of the quartette. The quartette delighted their hearers with Dudley Buck's "In Absence," and the Stein Song from "The Prince of Pilsen."

## Visiting Hopkins Friends.

Mrs. D. N. Scott and Miss Emma Schroyer and their sister, Mrs. Katherine Veeder of New Windsor, Ill., went to Hopkins Tuesday noon to visit until Wednesday evening with friends.

## PROGRAM FOR CONCERT.

Given by the State Normal Quartette at the First M. E. Church Tuesday Night.

The following program speaks for itself, of course but to hear it will be to hear the State Normal quartette at its best. We are all proud of every member of the quartette, for they are men of individual merit. Miss Marie Jones' part on the program gives considerable added strength:

Quartet—  
O Hail Us Ye Free (from Ennui).....Arr. by Parks  
Bells of Seville.....Jude  
A Tragic Story.....Metcalf  
In Absence.....D. Buck  
Piano—  
Spanish Dance.....Rubenstein  
Canzonetta.....Schutt  
Scherzo, Op. 45.....Kroeger  
Mr. Landon.  
Solo—Bedouin Love Song.....Chadwick  
Mr. Mutz.  
Solo—Nita Gitana.....DeKoven  
Mr. Perria.  
Quartet—  
Chorus of Departing Pilgrims.....  
Chorus of Returning Pilgrims (from Tannhauser).....R. Wagner  
Solo—Carissima.....Penn  
Miss Marie Jones.  
Solo—Off to Philadelphia.....  
Mr. Quinn.  
Quartet (old favorites)—  
Arise, Shine.....Rhodes  
Annie Laurie.....Scott-Parks  
Leonore (Spanish song).....  
Trovere-Nevins  
Love's Old Sweet Song.....Molloy

## FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

W. C. Pierce is Being Mentioned in Republican Circles for This Place.

W. C. Pierce of this city is prominently mentioned in Republican circles as an applicant for the Republican national committeeman from this state, which will be selected at the Republican convention to be held probably next April, at which delegates will also be chosen for the National convention at Chicago.

## FULTON, MO., WENT WET.

The Drys Carried That City Four Years Ago.

Local option was defeated in the city of Fulton Monday by a vote of 540 to 410. The wets carried an exceptionally heavy vote in the First ward, populated largely by negroes. The drys carried the city four years ago.

## Mrs. Hutton Very Ill.

Mrs. W. J. Hutton is lying dangerously ill in Ensworth hospital, St. Joseph. Her life was in grave danger Monday night, but there was a slight change for the better Tuesday morning.

## To Spend Christmas in St. Louis.

Mrs. S. R. Rowley will leave Friday night for St. Louis to spend Christmas and New Year holidays with her son, Fred A. Rowley, and family, and her daughters, Miss May Rowley and Miss Sebee Rowley. Miss Sebee Rowley is a teacher in the public schools of Webster Groves, a suburb of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Airy arrived in Maryville Monday evening and will make this city their home. Mr. Airy has a position as traveling salesman for the John Sexton wholesale grocery house at Chicago and will make his headquarters here.

Mrs. Sherman Smith of Clarinda, Ia., arrived in Maryville Tuesday to spend Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. L. Dozier, 1004 East Fourth street.

Miss Grace Danner of Burlington Junction of Blanchard, Ia., was a Maryville visitor Tuesday.

## 2 YEARS FOR MAINES

REFORM SCHOOL SENTENCE FOR SHOOTING INTO CREAM CANS.

## MEEKER CASE GOES OVER

Ewing and Holmes, Charged With Stealing Pocketbook, Bound Over to February Term of Court.

Hee Maines, the 15-year-old boy, was sentenced to two years in the reform school at Boonville, Mo., late Monday afternoon by Judge Ellison. Young Maines did not plead guilty and the case was presented to the court. Attorney W. G. Sawyers representing the young man. Maines was charged with shooting with a target rifle into some cream cans at the station at Burlington Junction. He will be taken to the reform school by Sheriff Tilson the latter part of this week.

Harold Ewing and Ned Holmes, the colored boy, was arraigned before Judge Ellison late Monday afternoon and pleaded not guilty. The two boys were bound over to the February term of circuit court and the court appointed W. E. Wiles attorney for Holmes. They are charged with stealing the pocketbook of Miss Mary L. Meeker at the Wabash station some few weeks ago.

Court will be in session Thursday before Judge Ellison, when several motions and a few cases will come up for disposal.

The suit of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company vs. D. E. Marshall et al., was heard before Judge Ellison late Monday afternoon. The plaintiff dismissed the suit as to D. E. Marshall and O. W. Evans, and the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland, having defaulted, the cause was submitted to the court, a jury being waived, and the court finds for the plaintiff for \$727.17.

## RIFLE CASE UP TODAY.

Judge Peery Hearing the Case That Has Been On Docket for Many Years.

Judge J. Woodson Peery sat as special judge Tuesday in circuit court in the case of Wm. H. Riffle vs. Mary K. Riffle, to set aside a deed. The cause is being heard by the court, a jury being waived.

The Riffle case has been on the court docket for many years and is a suit whereby the plaintiff wants a deed set aside, the deed having been made, it is alleged, at a time when the plaintiff was in the state hospital at St. Joseph. The case will take up the time of the court the rest of this afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Mrs. P. A. Evans returned to her home in Ravenwood Tuesday, from a visit since Thursday with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Hughes.

## The Weather

Rain or snow tonight and Wednesday.

100  
Students in the  
Maryville Business  
College Before Xmas  
200 Coming, Jan. 2

Yes, indeed; your photos will be ready for Christmas. All sittings made before Friday will be finished on time.

Remarkable? Not when you consider the advancement of modern photography, our splendid equipment and our system of handling orders.

Just as good as usual? Of course—otherwise they would not have my name on them.

All frame orders promptly and properly filled.

F. R. MARCELL, The Photographer.

## MARCELL'S Advertisement

## Christmas Thoughts

Cluster Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Seeded Raisins, Cleaned Currants, Walnut Meats, Pecan Meats, Almond Meats, Pistachio Meats. All kinds of nuts in shell. Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake.

J. R. BRINK & CO., Good Clean Things to Eat

## Special Christmas Candies

A fine large assortment of Christmas Candies all kinds. Exceptional prices made teachers and Sunday Schools for quantities.

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106 South Main St.  
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## DO YOU NEED GLASSES?

Eyes Tested Free  
Glasses Accurately Fitted by expert Optician. Repairs Promptly Executed at CRANE'S.

## DR. FINN

Treats eyes with glasses only. He can give you 5,000 references in Maryville and Nodaway county. Ask your neighbors about Finn's glasses that make weak eyes strong.

W. B. FINN.



# JEWELRY---The Gift of Gifts

*IT'S so for a gift ought to be something more than the mere presentation of something worth about so much. The fitness of the gift to the occasion should be considered. Thus you always find Christmas and Jewelry inseparably connected. The question for you to decide is what article of jewelry is the most suitable in each case. We would like to suggest that our stock furnishes innumerable suggestions. All of your gift wants might easily be supplied from it with profit to you and satisfaction to those you wish to remember. We hope that the accompanying lists may help you with your decisions.*

## List of Articles to Be Given to Men.

Bill Rolls	75c to \$4.50
Bagtags	75c to \$2.50
Tie Clasps	50c to \$9.00
Umbrellas (Hull Bros.)	\$5.00
Flasks	\$2.00 to \$11.00
Watches	\$1.00 to \$90.00
Fobs	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Pocket Combs	75c to \$1.00
Pocket Knives	\$1.25 to \$2.50
Military Brushes	\$1.50 to \$10.00
Traveling Sets	\$5.50 to \$8.50
Collar Bags	\$3.00 to \$4.50
Flasks	\$2.50 to \$8.50
Card Cases	75c to \$4.50
Cigarette Cases	\$1.25 to \$5.50
Cigar Cases	75c to \$5.00
Cigar Cutters	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Tobacco Jars	\$2.50 to \$8.00
Clothes Brushes	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Hat Brushes	75c to \$3.00
Key Chains	\$1.50
Desk Sets	\$8.00
Shaving Mirrors	\$5.00
Automatic Stoppers	\$3.00
Fountain Pens	\$1.50 to \$8.00
Match Boxes	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Shaving Mugs	\$3.50 to \$6.00
Smoking Stands	\$7.00

This is a cut of the celebrated Mt. Vernon Solid Silver. We carry this in full chest lots. If you see this pattern you will be sure to want it.

## "Only a Step Past Main"

### SPECIAL

While we have been extremely busy so far we have still been able to keep our repair work and engraving up to the minute. We will make an extra effort to get every thing done for you on time. We will appreciate it very much if those who still have purchases to make that must be engraved make them as early as possible.

"Only a Step Past Main"

## RAINES BROTHERS

Jewelers and Opticians

109 West Third St.

"Only a Step Past Main"

## List of Articles That May Be Given to Women.

Toilet Sets	\$4.00 to \$50.00
Manicure Sets	\$3.50 to \$4.00
Watches	\$2.00 to \$60.00
Mesh Bags	\$7.50 to \$8.50
Velvet Bags	\$6.50
Tapestry Bags	\$10.00
Cologne Bottles	\$1.25 to \$8.00
Picture Frames	\$2.25 to \$5.00
Desk Sets	\$8.00
Bonnet Brushes	\$2.00 to \$4.00
Neck Chains	\$1.25 to \$20.00
Vanity Sets	\$5.00
Rings	\$1.50 to \$250.00
Locketts	\$1.00 to \$15.00
Card Cases	\$1.00 to \$4.50
Memorandum Tablets	\$2.00
Puff Boxes	\$2.50 to \$7.00
Umbrellas	\$3.00 to \$15.00
Combs	75c to \$6.00
Music Rolls	75c to \$4.00
Tea Balls	\$2.00 to \$2.25
Bracelets	\$1.50 to \$15.00
Plates	75c to \$3.50
Vases	\$2.75 to \$10.00
Casserole	\$3.50 to \$10.00
Spoons	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Forks	\$1.50 to \$4.00
Fobs	\$2.00 to \$5.00

The Georgian pattern has been a favorite for years. Come in and let us show some of the pieces. You will like it.

## IT LEADS IN HOGS

NODAWAY RANKS FIRST IN STATE OF MISSOURI.

## ONLY SIXTH IN CATTLE

Bulletin of State Bureau of Labor Statistics Gives Figures on Missouri's Supply of Live Stock.

A bulletin just issued by Commissioner Austin W. Biggs of the state bureau of labor statistics on the surplus shipments of live stock from the various counties of Missouri in 1910, indicates that this state holds high rank among the states which annually produce and ship large numbers of cattle, hogs, horses, mules, sheep and goats.

Nodaway county leads in hogs with 105,830 and ranked sixth in cattle with 30,983.

"In 1910," says the bulletin, "the farmers of Missouri shipped from the several counties 4,773,071 head of live stock, valued at \$99,741,362.

"It is estimated that there are in the state four times as many horses as mules, nearly twice as many hogs as cattle and one sheep for every five hogs. A better idea of the immensity of the live stock industry may be secured when it is known that one-third of the state's population depends directly or indirectly upon animal products for their existence.

The ten leading counties in the number of head of cattle, hogs, horses and mules, and sheep shipped to market in 1910, with the amount shipped from each county, is given below:

"Cattle—Saline, 53,826; Clinton, 40,764; Atchison, 38,856; Vernon, 33,478; Clay, 31,994; Nodaway, 30,983; Linn, 29,925; Cass, 25,173; Jackson, 22,425; Audrain, 19,810.

"Hogs—Nodaway, 105,830; Lafayette, 86,676; Saline, 84,154; Cass, 82,650; Holt, 80,981; Clay, 69,618; Caldwell, 68,531; Boone, 67,162; Clinton, 64,322; Vernon, 63,742.

"Horses and mules—Putnam, 12,399; Worth, 9,273; Schuyler, 6,216; Greene, 5,595; Clinton, 5,381; Webster, 4,475; Shelby, 4,415; Cass, 4,371; Henry, 4,074; Callaway, 3,978.

"Sheep—Jackson, 42,147; Monroe, 26,604; Boone, 25,697; Audrain, 25,120; Clay, 24,403; Shelby, 22,139; Randolph, 18,856; Scotland, 17,278; Webster, 16,505; Schuyler, 16,011.

"There is ample room upon the thousands of acres of vacant land in Missouri for practical stock raisers. Even the rough land in the Ozarks is admirably adapted to stock raising and it is almost certain that within the next ten years the yearly output of live stock will be doubled. Missouri welcomes the farmer and stock raiser, and for the man with some means, a fair knowledge of the business and plenty of energy, the latter occupation affords an opportunity for a pleasant independent and profitable business."

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Post Office at Dick Hotchkin's and Alderman's Store Receives Many Missives.

Santa Claus is kept mighty busy these days answering the letters that are mailed at the post office at Dick Hotchkin's and Alderman's Dry Goods store. He answered forty Sunday that were mailed in the Alderman store Saturday.

The post office at Dick's store is arranged very handy for the little folks, a regular post office, boxes and all, standing at the entrance, and it is the most popular thing about the place.

## BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES.

New students registering this week were Mrs. Georgia Beedle, Anna Collins, Ruth Hasty and Roy Davis. Three or four more are expected to enroll yet this week.

The Mock Trial last Friday night was well attended and every one connected with it did fine. A good crowd was present and seemed to enjoy it very much. The jury found for the prosecution.

Rev. C. H. John conducted the assembly exercises last Friday and made a splendid address. Miss Scott's solo was also much appreciated. No regular assembly will be held next Friday, but Attorney Chas. McCaffrey will address the students on Thursday morning at 9:30. McCaffrey always has something good, and the students are looking forward with pleasure.

The Christmas vacation will begin Friday noon, and will last for ten days. Work will begin again Tuesday, January 2. The work of the past four months has been excellent, and a large increase in the enrollment is expected after the holidays.

## DIED SUDDENLY.

"Acute Indigestion the Cause"—How Often Do We Read This Heading in Our Daily Paper.

Dear reader, if your food does not digest properly, but stays in your stomach, causing much misery, shortness of breath and fermentation, you are the one that should constantly have with you a box of Mi-o-na stomach tablets.

Two little Mi-o-na tablets taken at the first sign of distress would have kept many a death notice out of the papers.

If you have stomach trouble of any kind, start to get rid of it today. One 50-cent box of Mi-o-na stomach tablets will make you feel like a new man. Two weeks' treatment will make any abused, out of order stomach strong and vigorous.

Guaranteed, mind you, for indigestion, dizziness, biliousness, bad dreams. They clear the skin and brighten the eyes. A box for only 50 cents at the Orear-Henry Drug Co. and druggists everywhere.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

GIFTS—Sterling silver and ebony goods. See them at CRANE'S.

## On Trip to New Mexico.

Professor and Mrs. J. S. Ernest of Stanberry were in Maryville Tuesday morning on their way to Santa Fe, N. M., for a holiday trip. Professor Ernest is director of the school of music at Stanberry.

## Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infalible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, laryngitis, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough, 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

## Will Visit Her Father.

Mrs. Harry W. Starlin and baby daughter of Witten, S. D., who have been visiting her sisters, Mrs. U. I. Wilson and Mrs. Scribner Beech, Jr., went to Barnard Monday evening to spend a few days with her father, C. H. Eaton, before returning home.

## Returned to Maryville.

Mrs. S. A. Faubion and her daughter, Miss Conelia Faubion, of Maryville, who have been spending the past four weeks in Maryville with their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. W. Willoughby, and family, left for their home Monday evening.

GIFTS—Boys' and girls' books. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. William Linneman and son Herman Linneman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gebbeken visited in Burlington over Sunday with their brother, G. H. Gebbeken, and his wife.

## Her Father Better.

Mrs. James Donnelly of Conception arrived in Maryville Monday morning from Creston, Iowa, where she had been the past two weeks at the home of her father, James Ford, who is ill. Mrs. Donnelly left her father some improved. She returned to her home Monday afternoon.

## Mrs. Oliver Improving.

Mrs. J. E. Oliver who has been very ill at her home on East Fourth street for several weeks, is slowly improving, and is able to sit up a little each day.

## Her Father No Better.

Mrs. S. B. Davenport went to Bolckow Monday evening on account of the illness of her father, David Lilly, who does not improve from a protracted illness.

GIFTS—Sterling silver tableware. Low prices at CRANE'S.

## CALL FOR MASS MEETING.

All persons interested in securing the short course in agriculture for Maryville are requested to meet in the circuit court room in the court house Saturday afternoon, December 23, at 2 o'clock, when plans for securing students will be discussed.

HENRY MOORE,  
BURMAN WELLS,  
J. F. ROELOFFSON,  
Committee.

Mrs. W. J. Staples of the Staples Millinery company has returned home from a three weeks' illness at St. Francis hospital and will soon be entirely recovered.

GIFTS—Hand-painted china plates, 75c and \$1.20. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Katherine Houghtaling of Bolckow arrived in Maryville Saturday noon for a few days' visit with Rev. and Mrs. C. H. John.

And now for the Windup of

# OUR BIGGEST CHRISTMAS SELLING

Last week's business was the largest in the history of our store, showing that our policy of fair dealing and honest prices is winning friends for us. Notwithstanding the heavy buying of last week, we are still offering many choice bargains for Christmas buyers. Some of the many lines you will find here are:

## In Our Book Section

Books for Boys.....25c

In the Alger and Henty Series, J. Fennimore Cooper, Mayne Reid, W. H. G. Kingston and other noted authors.

Books for Girls.....25c

By such noted authors as Mary J. Holmes, Bertha M. Clay, L. T. Meade and Augusta J. Evans.

Bibles, the Best Christmas Gift, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

The old folks edition, of the Holman Bible, with large clear type, good paper with references and maps, just the thing for the grand parents.

Red Letter Bible, the Holman Sunday school scholars edition, patent indexed, with illustrations and 4000 questions and answers.

Sunday School Teachers' Bible, red gilt edges with dictionary and combined concordance.

Several other styles of Bibles that will be sure to suit you.

## Toy Books at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Linen and board covers. "A. B. C." books, Tom Thumb series, Mother Goose series, and numerous other kinds for the children.

## Gift Books and Booklets, 5c and 10c.

A large assortment of these dainty little Gift books, suitable for your scholars. Just the thing for teachers and Sunday school teachers.

We have an immense stock of plain and decorated

## Chinaware

There are complete sets and single pieces. Much of the stock is imported and hand painted ware, suitable decoration for any home.

## Special to Teachers and Sunday Schools

We bought an extra heavy stock of candies for the Christmas trade and do not want to carry any of it over the holidays. In order to close out these goods we will make extra inducements for Sunday schools and teachers buying in quantities. It will pay you to see us before placing your order. We have the best assortment in Maryville.

Then there is the plain substantial ware that is used every day in the week and the still cheaper grades that are in reach of the very poorest pocket books. These goods are here in abundance and we can supply your wants in any of these lines.

## Toys for the Little Folks

The happiest hours of our lives are those spent in childhood. The happiest hours of childhood are those centering about Christmas time. To make those hours as happy as possible should be our chiefest joy. For Christmas giving choose from this list:

Tops, Rattles, Automobiles, Wagons, Sleds, Wheelbarrows, Shovel, Blackboards, Drums, Trunks, Horses, Animals of all kinds, Balls, Marbles, Dolls from 5c to \$4.00. Many others which we have not room to mention here.

## Desirable Gifts for Grownups

Pictures—a large and complete line of Madonnas, Cupids, landscapes, scenes, etc.

Fancy Box Stationery—in the plain and decorated holly boxes for holiday selling.

Handkerchiefs—For Women, Misses and Children, Men and Boys.

Ribbons—Hair Ribbons in plain and fancy, taffeta and silk. All styles and widths.

Glassware—A large stock of the plain and iridescent ware. Stocks are complete and you can easily do your choosing here.

Come in and see us. Trade here; you will not be disappointed

**Hotchkin's Variety Store**  
D. E. HOTCHKIN, Prop.  
106 SOUTH MAIN ST.

Satisfied customers are our best advertisement :: ::



# CHRISTMAS CLEARING SALE

We want to reduce our Lines by the first of the year and are going to make you Prices that on some articles are a positive loss to us. We find we have too many lines and kinds of Goods and are going to close out all broken lines regardless of cost.

## SALE COMMENCING NOW

Bargains Every Day. Space Forbids and Time is too Short to Name the Many Bargains and Surprises that we have in Store for You, Suffice to say it will be Money to You to visit us During this Sale. GET BUSY AND COME EARLY

<p><b>Clothing</b> We have a small line of new up-to-date Clothing that we are going to close out, nothing but new stuff in this sale. At from \$15.00 to \$3 a suit, just 1-2 what they are worth.</p>	<p><b>Skirts</b> We have a strictly new up-to-date line of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts that we are proud to show at \$4.50 up—selling at \$3 to \$5 less than they are worth.</p>	<p><b>Groceries</b> Our grocery department is especially strong on good standard brands and as a specialty this week we offer you a good 20c coffee with a limit of 2 pounds to the family and <b>20 Pounds of Sugar for \$1.00</b> with each purchase of \$5.00 of other goods.</p>
<p><b>Men's Dress Shirts</b> All \$1.50 Shirts go at \$1.00 grade at 50c grade at found on tables.</p>	<p><b>Rugs and Carpets</b> We have an immense line of small and large rugs for the Christmas trade, every one of which is a bargain and will make a handsome Christmas present. A good ingrain art square for \$5.00</p>	<p><b>Flour</b> This will be the last chance to buy the best flour made, "The Sunkist" "The Great Peace Maker" at \$1.25 per sack. Try a sack. If you are not satisfied, your money back, and the flour. A good Flour at \$1.20</p>
<p><b>Shoes</b> We have only the best brands, principally Hamilton Brown, and Williams—nothing better at any price. They go in the sale from 50c to \$1.00 off on all men and women's shoes, Patents, Vici and Gun Metal.</p>	<p><b>Rubber Goods</b> All Arctics and Overshoes that go in this sale are found on tables at a reduction of 25c to 50c per pair.</p>	<p><b>Canned Goods</b> All 15c goods, 2 for 25c; all 10c goods 3 for 25c during this sale. We select your orders from this department.</p>
<p><b>Ingrain Art Squares</b> Ingrain Art Squares, 9x12, a special bargain price for this sale only Axminster Rugs 9x12 on sale at</p>	<p><b>Blankets</b> We are long on blankets and are offering Our \$1.50 blankets \$1.00, all good values.</p>	<p>Teachers, buy your Christmas Candies here.  <b>We Buy</b> Cream-Butter-Eggs and Chickens, and allow you the best market price. For your cream we pay cash 30 cents, trade 32 cents, Butter 25c, Eggs 30, chickens 8 1-2c in trade</p>
	<p><b>Underwear and Hosiery</b> All \$1.00 Sanitary underwear will be sold at 87c, 50c line at 44c and a large line of hosiery on sale at 7c up.</p>	

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The Same Old Place, The Same Old People, The Same Courteous Treatment

Come in and get re-acquainted

**Maryville Mercantile Co.**  
**West Third Street**



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**BELIEVES IN THE PURE BRED.**

**C. P. Davis of Maryville Says It Pays to Breed Good Stock.**

Davis Bros. of Maryville had on the St. Joseph market Friday fifty-five hogs averaging 353 pounds, that sold at \$6.25, says the South St. Joseph Live Stock Journal. C. P. Davis came in with the shipment and was well pleased with the sale. "On our farm we have a large herd of pure bred Poland-China hogs, and our hogs marketed here today were eligible for registry," said Mr. Davis. "We, however, confine our breeding operations largely to the production of market hogs, rather than to the raising of stock for breeding purposes. I believe it pays to have good blood in the average herd on the farm. It costs no more to feed a full-blood animal than it does to fatten a poor one, if as much, and in the long run the returns are more remunerative to the man who handles the pure bred. I know it has paid us and I believe that it will pay anyone in the hog raising business to substitute good blooded breeding stock for their scrubs."

Speaking of conditions in the vicinity of Maryville, Mr. Davis said:

"The territory immediately adjacent to Maryville has been rather fortunate in the matter of hog disease this year. There has been some sickness, but it has not been as widespread or severe as in other localities of Northwestern Missouri. A good many of the farmers attribute the sickness of wormy corn. Few cases of genuine cholera have been reported, but whatever the disease is that has been killing off our hogs, it has been responsible for heavy shipment of light, unfinished porkers to market. In regard to cattle feeding there are fewer cattle in the feed lots around Maryville than for a number of years. But a small percentage of the usual amount of feeding will be done in that locality this winter. The high price of corn is in part responsible for the limited volume of cattle feeding. Another factor is the poor quality of the corn this season. Corn is grading lower than for several years, a lot of it being chaffy and badly worm-eaten. Yields are fairly good on an average. On our farm, which is located on rather low, rich ground, corn is averaging fully sixty bushels to the acre."

Miss Lena Phillips, who has been the guest of Misses Irene and Verna Aley, returned to her home in Stanberry Saturday.

Xmas gifts for the men. The Toggery Shop.

## Christmas Shopping

AT

**The TOGGERY SHOP**

Things that are right and proper for men to wear. Any article we show will make an excellent present

**DOUBLE COUPONS WEDNESDAY, 20th**

THE

**Toggery Shop**  
**SOUTH MAIN**

## A Yuletide Home-Coming

By Charles M. McCabe

THE club looked just the very thing Gerald Mannersley was craving for—a sense of home. A few lines read accidentally in an out-of-date newspaper had made him restless with longing for the old scenes. And so he had traveled two days and nights in a sleeper, vaguely connecting his journey's end with all the love and friendship his starved nature was demanding.

When he arrived at his old club on a chill, grey Christmas morning, it was only to find that fifteen years' silent absence had been too severe a test for friendship. The place was empty of all but servants, and they wore strange, unwelcoming faces.

He stood at the club window, looking out on the desolate, deserted street which he had always remembered as being thronged, and a great sadness swept over him.

This was not what he wanted. From his pocket he drew out the scrap of paper which had really brought him so many miles, and looked at it bitterly. It was only a death announcement cut from a paper of a year ago, and ran in the usual way—"Michael Townley, at his residence," etc.

In fancy he saw a sweet-faced maiden, who sought her happiness only in the eyes of the youth by her side. There were joy-bells there, too, as they left the church with the fragrance of mutual love about them.

The bells pealed on outside, and willing fancy led him still further into the realm of "might have been."

In an instant he made up his mind to visit once more the old-fashioned cottage not many miles away, to which he had hoped fifteen years before to take a bride. He would go and see it, even if its neglected condition only added to his loneliness and pain.

Two hours later he was striding through the crisp country air along a winding path which led to a rambling, ivy-covered cottage.

As the last turn brought him in sight of the house he stopped in surprise. He had expected to see dirt, ruin, and decay, but instead he looked upon a trim, well-kept cottage, and a soft, crooning song, in a voice which reawakened the tender memories of long ago, came floating through the unlatched door.

Half believing that it must be fancy leading him still, he entered the house softly, and, following the voice, went into the inner room, and stood in the glow of the warm firelight.

The sweet, tired-faced, middle-aged singer turned as his shadow fell across the light, and then stood white and trembling.

"Gerald!" she whispered. "Gerald! have you come to reproach me? Not today! Not today!"

The strong man's voice broke as he held out his arms.

"Nance!" he cried joyfully. In a moment she was crushed, sobbing, to his breast.

"Oh, Gerald! is it really you? God is very good. I thought you must be dead."

For several moments they stood thus, the strong man's tears falling on her grey-tinged hair. Then he gently put her into a chair.

"You are not alone?" he asked as his eyes caught sight of a little table laid for two, daintily spread with Christmas fare.

"Yes," she answered. "I am quite alone. I have often come down here."

"But you are expecting somebody?" he said, calling attention to the table. She flushed prettily, looking almost as young as she had in his dreams of the morning, as she replied:

"I was expecting you, Gerald." He smiled happily at her; then the smile faded, and he sighed as he sank into a chair.

"This is all foolishness, Nance," he said sadly. "You could not live here in the old days, you could do so less now, and I could not live here on another man's thousands."

A smile hovered over the woman's face as she fitted here and there, busily preparing things for a meal. Then she slipped behind a chair, and leaning over whispered with burning cheeks:

"Perhaps you do not know, Gerald, that—that Mr. Townley's money goes back to his family if—I marry again."

The man sprang to his feet and took her into his strong arms again.

"It is not too late," he cried. "We are still young. Will you let me try to make you happy?"

Her answer was drowned in the burst of Christmas bells that pealed from the village church close by. But he did not need her words; he could see her eyes.

## Alderman Dry Goods Co.

114-116-118 WEST THIRD STREET \*\*\* MARYVILLE MO.

# The Christmas Store Calls Attention to the Multitude of Things Suitable for Gifts for Every Member of The Family Which Are Now On Display

In this store, under one roof and conveniently placed for quick choosing, are gift articles for every member of the family. The one place where quality and quantity go hand in hand, and where worth and price are always considered.

Immense stocks, the equals of which are not to be found in Maryville, make the task of selection an easy one. Service, always the best and particularly in times like these, assure a minimum amount of time lost. A delivery service which carefully carries all packages free of charge is another way in which we make shopping easy.

It is always best to choose early, and especially at this time, as stocks are changing every day. Early selection gives best choice and most satisfaction. Make out your complete gift list NOW and see that it is filled tomorrow—and mark Alderman's after each item if you want it filled the best possible way.

The store will be open evenings this week to aid you in selecting presents. Remember to shop in the MORNINGS or EVENINGS if possible, and thus aid us in keeping up a SATISFACTORY service all through the day.

Thus is THE Christmas Store in readiness.

### EXCOMMUNIS FOR O. H. SMITH.

Former President of Maryville Seminary Honored Member of Literary Club.

The Daily Banner of Greencastle, Ind., contains an account of a meeting of the Gentlemen's Literary club of that place, and speaks in high praise of a paper read by Prof. O. H. Smith of Greencastle, formerly president of the old Maryville seminary. His subject was "The Menace of Wealth." It was so well presented that a lively discussion that lasted long after the constitutional hour for adjournment, resulted. The author of the paper thought, however, that he could have written a much better paper if he had heard the discussion first.

But the Banner spoke especially of the prelude to the club's meeting, which consisted of a poem, a genuine literary gem, that was written by Mayor Miller of Greencastle, who delegated another member of the club to read the verses, which were entitled "Our Hearts Keep Young Forever." They were dedicated to Professor Smith, the octogenarian of the club, by a rising unanimous vote, the reader of the poem offering the following resolutions:

Whereas, the gentleman to whom this beautiful poem is dedicated is the honored octogenarian member of this club; and,

Whereas, The author of this rhythmic truth is a citizen of this city, now the honorable mayor and (to complete the climax) is a highly respected member of this club; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our hearts respond to the richest sentiments of the stanzas, and join heartily in their dedication to our scholarly brother, Professor O. H. Smith; that it is our sincere hope that the author and his friend—our friends—may live long to test the truth of the salient sentiment, "Our Hearts keep young forever."

GIFTS—Brooches and bracelets. Big line. See them at CRANE'S.

### Today's Markets

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

##### CHICAGO.

Cattle—5,000. Market steady. Estimate tomorrow, 18,000.

Hogs—23,000. Market strong; top, \$6.25. Estimate tomorrow, 36,000.

Sheep—18,000. Market steady.

##### KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—7,500. Market steady. Hogs—20,000. Market 5c lower; top, \$6.15.

Sheep—8,000. Market steady.

##### ST. JOSEPH.

Cattle—2,000. Market steady. Hogs—14,000. Market slow; top, \$6.15.

Sheep—1,000. Market steady.

##### St. Louis Live Stock Market.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 18.—Cattle receipts, 4,000. Market a slow affair today. Steers barely steady to 10c lower, and cows and heifers steady with the close of last week. Too many cattle around the holiday period is not advisable.

Hog receipts, 13,500. With 60,000 at Chicago today, conditions were not so satisfactory. Market averaged 10c lower; top, \$6.25; bulk good hogs commanding \$5.60@6.15. Look for fairly steady market the balance of the week.

Sheep receipts, 2,000. Market very weak and slow today. Compared with last Monday lambs show a 35@50c decline. Choice are quotable at \$5.85. Sheep are 25c lower than a week ago; best ewes at \$3.35. Outlook is not encouraging until after the holidays.

National Live Stock Commission Co.

GIFTS—Necklaces and lockets. See them at CRANE'S.

Xmas gifts for the men. The Toggery Shop.

## Alderman Dry Goods Co.

114-116-118 WEST THIRD STREET \*\*\* MARYVILLE MO.

# Last Call For This Half Price Sale of Suits

The final clean-up for the season—the last chance to get good selections at half off.

For a sensible gift give one of these suits—and right now you save half.

**\$40 Suits for \$20. \$35 Suits for \$17.50**  
**\$30 Suits for \$15. \$25 Suits for \$12.50**  
**\$20 Suits for \$10.**

# Save by Buying Coats Here During This Sale

From \$10 to \$5 reductions on all Coats during this sale; none held out, none reserved, you have unlimited choice.

Coats make a very acceptable gift as they are practical and useful.

**\$45 Coats \$35. \$37.50 Coats \$30**  
**\$30 Coats \$22.50. \$25 Coats \$18.75**  
**\$22.50 Coats \$15. \$15 Coats \$10**

## Just Arrived and Placed on Sale Today--

# Small Axminster Rugs in New Spring Patterns

Two sizes and two prices:

36 by 72 inches, in floral, oriental and animal designs, for..... **\$3.95**

27 by 54 inches, in floral and oriental designs, specially priced ..... **\$1.95**

## Very Special Values

On sale in the basement till Christmas.

M. L. Cline is a new employee at the Berney Harris clothing store.

### A Terrible Blunder.

To neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

GIFTS—500 books; were \$1.50, now 50c. See them at CRANE'S.

GIFTS—Silk umbrellas, \$2.50 to \$15.00. See them at CRANE'S.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

GIFTS—Parisian ivory. Great line. See them at CRANE'S.

Gloves, ties, shirts, suspenders at the Toggery Shop.

GIFTS—Cut glass in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

# A 20% Discount Sale

For the balance of this week we will offer all our RUGS in different sizes and patterns, regularly priced at from **\$1.25 to \$3.75**

All linen drawn and Battenberg Table and Dresser Scarfs at a discount from regular prices of 20%.

Remember, we have a full stock of Christmas goods on hand and can fill your wants in this line.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS

**Evan's Variety Store** NORTH SIDE



# Their Christmas Guest

Clarissa Mackie  
(Copyright.)

THE red farmhouse was set in the midst of a white expanse of snow. The drooping elms protected the roof with widespread arms clothed in ermine and where the crisp wind had blown away the covering the limbs were darkly sketched against the bright blue sky. A thin spiral of smoke drifted up from the big chimney and shimmered away into nothingness.

Loring tramped wearily up the path and turned the corner by the clump of boxwood where a little side porch jutted out to the south. There was a window here filled with red geraniums and the brilliant color seemed to impart warmth to his benumbed body. The steps had been swept clear of snow and he was careful to scrape his boots before he knocked at the door.

The whirring of a sewing machine stopped suddenly and quick steps came across the floor. The door flew open and revealed two faces; that of Miss Anne, timidly expectant, and the fair face of the young girl, hopeful and eager.

"Oh!" they cried in unison and their voices betrayed bitter disappointment. "We thought it might be the expressman," added Anne in explanation.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you," said Loring courteously as he bared his head. "As a matter of fact, I came to beg a night's lodging. I have rather a bad knee and it's gone back on me in the midst of a long tramp. I wonder—"

"Come in," interrupted Anne hospitably. "It's bitter cold out to-day and the drifts are awful. We haven't as many fires as we used to keep, but you're welcome to sit and get thawed out."

Robert Loring entered the low-ceiled sitting-room where a small cylinder stove gave forth welcome heat in the center of the room. The corners seemed chill and dusky, but in the circle of warmth from the stove it was very comfortable. A sewing machine was drawn within the magic circle and there was a low rocking chair and beside it a huge work basket overflowing with bright bits of silk.

Anne pushed a big rocking chair close to the stove and motioned Loring into it. "Sit close to the fire and get thawed out. Grace will fetch you a glass of currant wine—or maybe you'd rather have a cup of coffee?" She beamed hospitably at him over steel-bowed spectacles that were the color of her silvery hair.

"I would say 'coffee' if it were not so much trouble," hesitated Loring. "It does seem an imposition for me to drop in on you in this manner, but as I was explaining—"

"It will be no trouble at all. Grace will be glad to make you a cup of coffee."

The fair-haired girl hastened to a tiny cupboard and brought out a small canister and a coffee pot. Miss Anne, excusing herself for a moment, rose and left the room. Loring watching the young girl's graceful movements was suddenly impressed by a painful fact. His hostesses were unmistakably poor. The girl had shaken the last grains of coffee into the pot and filling it with cold water placed it on the top of the cylinder stove. Then she stepped to and fro from cupboard to table, laying a meal on a snowy cloth. There were fresh bread and butter, baked apples and some slices of cold ham.

When she had invited him to sit down, Loring arose with many apologies upon his lips. Just then the door opened to admit Miss Anne muffled in shawl and hood and trembling with agitation. She seemed to forget Loring's presence and her words were addressed to her niece.

"Grace—what do you think has happened? That—that—he's gone!" Her thin hands flew to her face and the tears trickled between her fingers.

"Oh, Aunt Anne!" The girl threw her arm around the older woman's shoulder. "Are you sure? Why he was there not a half hour ago because I looked at him. How do you suppose he got away?"

"I guess somebody has taken him—he was so fat, too, Grace." Miss Anne sank down in a chair and slowly removed her wraps. "Oh, dear, I'm afraid your coffee will get cold. Sit down and eat your supper, sir."

"Thank you," said Loring, as he obeyed. "I hope you are not in trouble, Miss Anne? Is there anything that I can do to make things right?"

Miss Anne surveyed him with approving eyes. All at once her eyes wrinkled pleasantly and she began to laugh. "Do you think you can discover who stole the white rooster we were going to have for our Christmas dinner? I had him penned up safely and I just went out now to have a look at him and he is gone—the hen house is empty."

"That is too bad. Can't I catch an-

other one for you or was the white rooster especially fattened for the occasion?" asked Loring.

Miss Anne hesitated and looked at her niece. But the girl busied with her bright silks did not lift her eyes; a faint color glowed in her cheeks. "There isn't another chicken about the place," said Miss Anne bluntly. "I may as well say, sir, that it was the last of my flock; that's why it is a disappointment to me."

Loring arose from his chair and reached for his overcoat. "Then it's my place to scour the countryside for one to take its place," he said firmly. "Please don't tell me not to—it's Christmas eve, you know, and there isn't a soul that expects me to do anything and I'd like to feel I was of some use at such a time. I won't return without a bird of some sort if I have to rob a roost myself."

Without waiting to hear their protests, Loring let himself out into the star-lit night and plunged into the crisp snow.

Two hours afterward when he returned heavily laden, the windows of the farmhouse glowed pleasantly and seemed to offer a welcome. As he stamped the snow from his feet at the side door he heard Miss Anne's voice raised in warm approval.

"Well, now, Grace, I believe the poor fellow will be tickled to death to get that pin book; he said the didn't have any folks—he seems honest enough."

Loring stumbled into the warm room and let his packages down on to the round table. He held his cold fingers to the heat. "I didn't find the white rooster, but I did corral the plumpiest little white goose you ever saw; it's such a long time since I've prepared for Christmas that once started I couldn't stop, so I went on through the village and bought all the rest of the fixings—I hope you won't object—oh, well, Miss Anne—I shall just take my packages and have Christmas by myself in the woods."

Miss Anne's sensitive pride had prompted her to wave aside the proffered edibles, but as Loring replaced the packages in the basket she watched him all unconscious of the fact that her eyes were wistful. First went the plump goose and following it were turnips and potatoes, cranberries and onions and celery; a bag of white grapes; another of nuts and a large and tempting box of candy.

With his basket on his arm, Loring turned to the door. "I must thank you for your kindness," he said gravely.



"There Isn't Another Chicken About the Place."

"You have taken me in and permitted me to rest when I was cold and tired; and you have offered me the sweetest hospitality. I wish you and Miss Grace the most joyful Christmas you have ever known."

His hand was on the knob when Miss Anne stopped him. "I don't like to have you go like that, sir. You are welcome to remain until you can resume your journey and to our fare plain as it is—the Leightons have always prided themselves on their hospitality, but of late years—"

"Leighton!" interrupted Loring, placing his basket on the floor and opening his overcoat. "Are you Miss Anne Leighton?"

Miss Anne's round eyes opened wide. "Yes—why do you ask?"

Loring took a letter case from an inner pocket and searched carefully in its depths. "You are a cousin to Mr. Josiah Leighton, of Boston? Yes? Very well, my search is ended then. I am Mr. Leighton's private secretary. Robert Loring, and he sent me to seek you out and present this letter. I believe it contains a Christmas gift as well as an offer to make your future home with him. By Jove, but it's the merest chance that led me here. I reached the station all right and hired a man to drive me to your place. He lost his way and we traveled half a day; then he managed to upset me into a snow bank and he made off, leaving me to find my way back to civilization as best I could. You see fate led me here." He was looking at Grace's downcast face rather than at Miss Anne's excitedly bobbing figure.

"Grace Leighton—here we were watching for the expressman, thinking Cousin Josiah was going to send his usual presents of silk waists—and here is his letter and a check for \$50. You wished us a joyful Christmas, Mr. Loring; I guess it's going to be one!"

"I have a feeling," said Loring, deliberately, "that it is the beginning of many happy Christmases for me."

He was still thoughtfully regarding the sweet profile of the young girl bending over her bright silks.

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Lively Christmas Selling

Now For The Remaining Days of This Week in Every Department at

# PETTY'S

You will find very many new bargains. As there must be a reason for everything, so there is a reason for this sale. We overbought in many lines, and as our yearly inventory time approaches, our stock must be at its lowest. We can count the money easier than we can measure the goods. So till SATURDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK,

## You Will Find Very Attractive Reductions in Every Department of The Store

We are simply putting such a price on Merchandise that you cannot afford to miss this sale

### DRESS GOODS

All 50 qualities.....39c  
65c qualities.....49c  
\$1.10 qualities.....85c  
\$1.50 qualities.....\$1.19  
Including all colors and blacks, creams and white.

### UNDERWEAR

In union or 2-piece suits.  
All 25c grade.....19c  
All 50c grade.....39c  
All 65c grade.....49c  
All \$1.00 grade.....83c  
One lot Ladies' Union Suits, \$1.50 to \$1.65 quality, cut in this sale to \$1.00

### OUR PURCHASE

Of 129 pieces Japanese Hand-Made Battenberg Dollies, Dresser Scarfs and large size Table Covers, in round and square, are very much below value and going rapidly at.....89c to \$10.00

### FANCY PERSIAN RIBBONS

30 pieces, 50c and 60c quality, this sale.....25c  
20 pieces 25c and 35c quality, this sale.....15c  
Some are 9 inches wide.

### CHILDRENS CLOAKS

all sizes still left  
They Go at  
**1-3 OFF**  
IN THIS SALE

### LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS

Some that will permit of a "long step" and some that "will not." All colors in plain and novelty cloths, all marked in plain figures.  
Twenty-five per cent discount this sale.

### LADIES' CLOAKS at \$9.98

On all our Cloth Garments (except two styles in black, extra fine), regardless of former prices, whether it be \$12, \$15, \$16 or \$18, we make the one sweeping price of \$9.98 during this sale.

Those who have not needed a Cloak till now are fortunate.

### LADIES' KID GLOVES

16-button lengths, in white, colors or black.  
\$3.50 quality.....\$2.85  
\$3.00 quality.....\$2.35  
\$1.75 quality, Barritz cut.....\$1.35  
\$1.50 quality, regular length.....\$1.29  
\$1.25 quality, regular length.....98c  
A few soiled.....69c  
All above in suede or kid.

You don't see our advertisement as frequent as some others for the reason it costs money to buy newspaper space. So you may know we Mean Business when we do advertise and the above and many more bargains you will find at our counter during this sale.

# F. M. PETTY

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

### MAY DISMISS ON 5 DAYS

All Schools Follow Same Plan of Counting Attendance, Hence All Gain and Lose Alike.

State Superintendent Evans has sent out the following circular letter in regard to how important it is for teachers to keep their record of total number of days attendance of all pupils. The letter is as follows:

By referring to section 10822, school laws of 1911, you will see that about one-half the state school fund is apportioned "on the total number of days attendance of all pupils." You will also find this sentence: "Any district clerk, county clerk or teacher, who shall knowingly furnish any false information in such reports, or neglect or refuse to make aforesaid reports shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Since the distribution of the state money depends upon the teachers' term report, and since there is a heavy penalty for wilful false information, it behooves teachers to be careful in the keeping of their records.

The following is from the state department in regard to school vacations:

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## LETTER LIST.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville postoffice for the week ending Wednesday, December 20, 1911:

Gentlemen.

Beazill, Wilfred.  
Collins, J. W.  
Pete, E. M.  
Hoffin, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E.  
Holland, Tom E.  
Johnson, Charles.  
Kelley, Henry.  
Lee, W. H.  
Vance, Mr.  
Moore, Wm. Cooper.  
Osborn, W. E.  
Peters, M.  
Shannon, O. I.  
Smith, J. B.  
Smith, J. W.  
Utman, Kay.

Ladies.

Beat, Mrs. Rebecca.  
Dougherty, Mrs. Alice.  
Dowling, Miss Bess (2).  
King, Mrs. E. F.  
Parton, Mrs. Nellie.  
Rannels, Mrs. Guy.  
Smith, Miss Noma.  
Templeton, Mrs. Sarah.  
Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

S. R. BEECH, Postmaster.

**GIFTS**—Ladies' bags, \$1.50 to \$10. See them at **CRANE'S**.

Mrs. Vern Dixon and little daughter, Carrie Margaret, returned Monday evening from a visit in Pickering with her mother, Mrs. Charles Shopbell.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

## SHE GAVE UP ALL HOPE

Physicians Failed To Help Mrs. Green, But She Finally Found Relief in Cardul.

Meetez, Va.—Mrs. J. C. Green of this place, says: "I suffered with womanly troubles so that I could hardly sit up. Two of the best doctors in our town treated me, and I tried different medicines, until I gave up all hope of ever getting well."

One day, I decided to try some Cardul. It did so much for me that I ordered some more, and it cured me! Today, I feel as well as I ever did in my life.

The pains and the trouble are all gone. I feel like another person in every way. I wish every sufferer could know what Cardul will do for sick women."

A few doses of Cardul at the right time, will save many a big doctor bill, by preventing serious sickness. It tones up the nervous system, and helps make pale cheeks fresh and rosy. Thousands of weak women have been restored to health and happiness by using Cardul. Suppose you try it. It may be just the medicine you need.

N. B.—Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

Mrs. Lon Fine of Pickering was in Maryville Monday evening on her way to Omaha to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. F. McDonald.

**GIFTS**—Watches of every kind. Very low prices at **CRANE'S**.

## NEAR LYNCHING AT CHILLICOTHE

Negro Had Killed White Man and Mob Had Gathered.

CHASED OVER FIFTY BLOCKS

Laid in Wait in Victim's Yard and Cut Him Down—Released From the Penitentiary Recently.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 19.—With a yelling mob of several hundred men at his heels, Gordon Kyles, a negro ex-convict led a chase of 50 blocks over the main portion of Chillicothe and finally gave up within 100 yards of the place where earlier in the night he had stabbed Thomas Watts, a white man, to death with a butcher knife.

He was hurried to jail by Sheriff Mark D. White and two deputies before the mob, breathless from the chase, could organize to carry out threats of hanging Kyles. Late at night the mob gathered within sight of the jail and the sheriff and prosecuting Attorney Sam Sheets were pleading with its members to let the law take its course.

Kyles, several days ago insulted Mrs. Emma Dougherty, a widow who made her home with her brother, Watts. Since then the negro had been in hiding and Watts had been looking for him. Kyles was hiding in the yard of the Watts home when the white man appeared. Kyles immediately leaped upon him with a butcher knife which he plunged into Watts' body.

The negro then fled as his victim dragged himself to the house and died upon the doorstep. Kyles, an hour later appeared at the door of the police court room where men were preparing to start on a hunt for him. It is believed he was prepared to give himself up, but became frightened when the men surged in his direction, and fled with them in pursuit.

Five years ago Kyles assaulted his wife and a mob chased him then. He barricaded himself in his home and shot himself severely in an effort to commit suicide. He was quickly taken and for the assault was sent to the penitentiary from which he was recently released.

## NO CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THEM

Four to be Hanged in Chicago Friday Largest Number Since Haymarket Riots.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The week before Christmas will be hangman's week in Chicago. Friday four men—Ewald Shibuski, 24 years old, his brother, Frank, 21 years old, Phillip Sommerling, 34 years old, and Thomas Schultz, 19 years old, will be hanged in the county jail for killing Fred W. Guelzow, Jr., a truck farmer, the morning of October 20.

Two others, equally involved in the murder, were given life sentences because of their youth, each being 16 years old.

Frank Shibuski was a trusty in the county jail three years ago when German Bilek, a poisoner, was sentenced to be hanged, and aided in the erection of Bilek's scaffold. He recalled the fact when sounds of others at work putting together the same scaffold, on which the four men will be hanged, could be heard in the cells above.

Never since the Haymarket riots of 1887 have so many lives been taken by the state at one time.

All of the legal hangings in Cook county since the hangings resulting from the Haymarket riots have been conducted by Charles W. Peters, a deputy sheriff, who will have charge of the quadruple hanging this week. His record by that time will stand at 37 hangings.

## CONTINUE WAR ON MIDDLEMEN

Indianapolis Mayor's Campaign Results in Formation of Permanent Organization.

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank's personally conducted sales of potatoes and turkeys at cut prices have inspired the formation of an association to re-enforce the mayor in his "war on the middleman."

Two thousand shares of stock in the Wage Earners' Co-Operative association have just been put on sale at \$5 a share. Its organizers plan to open a depot where the ultimate consumer of foodstuffs shall meet the producer, thereby eliminating the jobber's profit. The campaign for extended membership will be made largely through the Central Labor union.

## Freed a Boy for Christmas.

Macon, Mo., Dec. 19.—A mother's yearning for her son Christmas day, a plea by an old lawyer who came from Wisconsin, together with the earnest assurance of Roy Strese's companion, John Vail, that he wasn't a bad boy, caused Judge Shelton to release the defendant on parole. John Vail and Roy were arrested while robbing stores at Excelsior. Vail was old offender. It was Strese's first offense.

## RECEIVERS FOR WABASH RAILROAD

Unable to Meet Unpaid Vouchers for Over \$1,800,000.

REORGANIZE ON PAYING BASIS

Road Had Not Paid Dividends for Several Years—Airbrake Company Files Claim for \$18,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Judge Elmer B. Adams of the United States district court in St. Louis has appointed President F. A. Delano, and Vice-President E. B. Pryor of the Wabash and W. K. Bixby, chairman of the board of directors of the American Car and Foundry company, receivers for the Wabash Railroad company.

The order appointing the receivers was on petition of the Westinghouse Air Brake company of Pittsburgh, Pa., which filed a claim for \$18,000 against the Wabash, alleging that the road was insolvent and unable to meet unpaid vouchers aggregating more than \$1,800,000. It also was alleged, in the petition, that the company had bonded obligations due January 1, 1912, the interest on which would be defaulted.

The appointment of the receivers, which has the sanction of the recently elected Wabash readjustment committee came as a surprise to railway officials generally. The action follows a trip over the Wabash lines of Alvin W. Krench, president of the Equitable Trust company of New York, and Robert Goeltz of the committee, who were in St. Louis last week. Inasmuch as the petition for a receivership was asked by both the readjustment committee and the Westinghouse Air Brake company, Judge Adams immediately granted the request without a hearing and fixed the amount of bond for each of the three receivers at \$300,000.

Lawrence Greer, counselor for the Westinghouse company, said:

"The Wabash has not paid dividends for a number of years and has unpaid vouchers aggregating approximately \$1,800,000. That sum is not large, however, when one considers the total amount of debts any large railroad has outstanding. It is the hope of the board of directors by this action to place the Wabash upon a firm footing and so re-organize the system as to make it the good investment it should be."

On behalf of the road it was stated that \$7,500,000 was required immediately for new cars and equipment. The committee in its inspection here and elsewhere sought to learn the urgent physical needs of the road.

## TWELVE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Minnesota Accident Shows Even Block Signal System is Not Fool-Proof.

Odessa, Minn., Dec. 19.—Twelve persons were killed in a wreck on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad here and ten or more were seriously injured when the second section of train No. 18, from Seattle, crashed into the first section, which had been stopped on signal.

The accident happened a short distance from the signal tower here. The section had been stopped by the tower man because of a freight train in the block ahead. The railway officials attribute the accident to the failure of the operator to set the signals against the second section. They also believe the brakeman of the first section failed to run back to flag the second section.

Among the dead are Mrs. J. M. Richards, wife of the superintendent of the Missouri slope division of the St. Paul road, and their daughter. Their home is at Moberly, S. D. They formerly lived in Kansas City.

## How Blasting Helps Crops.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 19.—Franklin county will have a demonstration farm next year, development of which will be watched by farmers of every county surrounding Franklin. The first work for 1912 will be done on this farm immediately. Experts will break up the subsoil with dynamite and plant an orchard by the dynamite method.

## Ghost of the "Tar Party."

Lincoln Center, Kan., Dec. 19.—Another chapter is to be added to the tar party case. Sherrill Clark and John Schmidt are asking for new trials. These two men were convicted at the regular term last month. A. N. Sims, who was tried with them, was acquitted.

## Youthful Hunter Killed.

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 19.—Henry Schroeder, 13 years old, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of Elvern Hill, 18 years old, at the Hill home, 12 miles southwest of here. The boys were leaving on a hunting trip. Hill does not know how the gun was discharged.

## Escaped Missouri Slayer Caught.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Sam Veazey, who killed William Jones at Caruthersville, Mo., a year ago, was sentenced to the Missouri state prison for 50 years and escaped was arrested here and will be sent to Jefferson City at once.

## For "His" Xmas

Men like things they can wear—that are in good taste—and that come from a man's store. Our efforts this year are rewarded by the best array of gift goods we've ever brought, including a handsome line of

**SILK HOSIERY  
NECKWEAR  
SUSPENDERS  
MUFFLERS, ETC.**

These are merely a few suggestions. You'll find many more—but we suggest an early call while stocks are large.

**M. Nusbaum**

## Beautiful Flowers

The reason flowers are so popular at Xmas time with people who are particular as to what to send their friends and acquaintances is because there is nothing as appropriate and they are appreciated. We have the largest and choicest selection we have ever had, including plenty of Red Roses and Carnations and other colors, and Violets, Sweet Peas, Narcissus, Hyacinths, Etc. An extra fine selection of Potted Cyclamen, Begonias, Poinsettias, Primroses, Ferns, Etc. Special made up baskets of Cut Flowers and Plants. Wreaths of holly, statice, boxwood, immortelles, ruscus, magnolia, etc. Xmas Trees, Holly, Mistletoe, Wreathing, Etc. You will find our prices reasonable and the best quality. If you cannot make personal selection write or phone us your wants with every assurance of careful and prompt attention and safe packing and delivering.

**ENGELMANN GREENHOUSES,**  
1201 South Main Street.  
Hanamo 17-1-2, Bell 126.

DECEMBER 19, 1911.

## 50--Good for 50 Votes--50

Cut out this coupon and present at our store and we will give you credit for 50 votes.

## Good for 50 Votes

(This coupon is printed in both the Democrat-Forum and Tribune daily papers).

Not good after Thursday, December

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*Raines Brothers*  
100 West Third St.

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**K. C. CUMMINS, M. D.,**  
**SURGERY AND GENERAL PRACTICE**  
Office over First National Bank.  
Calls answered promptly day or night. All phones.

**F. R. Anthony, D. D.**  
Specialist.  
Practice limited to diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and general consultation. All phones. Office hours, 9 to 11 a. m.; 2 to 4 p. m.

**DR. G. H. LEACH,**  
Deputy State Veterinarian and State Inspector.  
Office, Star Barn. All phones.

**For Sale**  
A few good yearling ox-ford bucks and a few good ram lambs. **F. P. Robinson**  
Maryville, Mo.

**CENTRAL AUCTION SCHOOL**  
CAPT. E. S. COOK, PRES.  
MARYVILLE, MO.

**AUCTIONEERS**  
Make big money. We train you in 5 weeks. We employ ten leading auctioneers. New term Jan. 2. Write for literature.

**Married by Judge Morris.**  
A marriage license was issued Tuesday morning to Gustaf R. Gartner and Miss Amelia L. Thum of Colorado, Neb. They were married by Judge J. W. Morris. The couple intends to make their home in Maryville.

Mrs. H. J. O'Donnell of Arkoe was doing Christmas shopping in Maryville Monday.

## WANTS

Advertisements are inserted in this column at the rate of three lines (18 words) three days for 25 cents. For ads larger than three lines one cent extra will be charged for each word in excess of 18. Cash must accompany order for these small amounts.

**NOTICE**—No hunting on our farms. John Yates, Wm. Briedenbeck. 16-18

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**SEED CORN FOR SALE**—The supply of good seed corn is short and it ought to be sold at \$3.00 or \$4.00 per bushel, but I am going to stick to the same old price of \$2.00 and \$2.25 per bushel. I haven't much, but what I have is good. Cornplanter or Boone County White and Ried's Yellow Dent until March 1st. M. C. Thompson, Burlington Junction, Mo.

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## CHINA NOW HAS A PRESIDENT

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Elected by Revolutionary Convention.

### PEACE CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI

British Police Guard Building and all But Delegates are Excluded—An Officer Killed by His Own Soldiers.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected president of the new Chinese republic by the revolutionary convention sitting at Nanking. The dispatch was received here by the Chinese Free Press.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The peace conference between Wu Tsiang-fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and five delegates selected by each side, opened in the town hall at 2:30. All except the delegates were excluded from the building which was guarded by British police.

One of the notable facts in connection with the conference is that both of the principal personages are natives of Canton and old friends. On their first entrance into the room the greeting of the delegates was most friendly.

Tang Shao Yi said he does not represent the throne, but is a personal representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. This declaration may be regarded as significant without touching on the subject of the revolution.

The strictest precautions have been taken for the protection of Tang Shao Yi, as an intimation has reached the police that some among the more hot-headed students have been advocating his assassination on the ground that he is supporting the Manchus.

There is reason to believe that this idea is absolutely without foundation. Tang Shao Yi is an advocate of a constitutional monarchy, but does not support the retention of the Manchu dynasty. His sympathies are with the Cantonese reformers, but he does not believe in a republic.

Peking, Dec. 19.—Tuan Fang, formerly director general of the Huk-wong railroad and at one time viceroy of the province of Chi Li, has, according to information received by missionaries at Chung King, been killed at Sze Chow, in Chan Si province, by his own soldiers. Tuan Fang previously had dined with his officers, and suspecting their disloyalty, offered them 40,000 taels for a safe passage to Shan Fu, the capital of Shen Si Province. He then sought to escape in a chair, his brother accompanying him, but the soldiers detected Tuan Fang and one of them slashed him with a sword killing him and afterwards murdering his brother.

### SPECIAL RELIEF FUND PROPOSED

Illinois Man Would Provide \$8,000,000 for Victims of Great Disasters.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Establishment of an \$8,000,000 national fund to be used in case of disaster by fire, flood, earthquake or mine explosion, in any section of the country, is under way, according to Edgar T. Davies, chief factory inspector of Illinois.

Mr. Davies, who had just returned from Washington, said that Congressman W. W. Wilson of the Third Illinois district would introduce a bill providing for the fund in congress in January.

The plan, according to Mr. Davies, provides for an annual tax of 15 cents against each listed business in the United States. There are now 1,600,000 such concerns in the country.

### Safe Blowers at Excelsior.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 19.—A smothered detonation in a hardware store next door to John Lewis, merchant, that burglars were working, Lewis promptly called the police over the telephone and several detectives and officers hurried to the hardware store of the Buck Brothers, only to find their quarry had left a few minutes before, taking with them several revolvers and a shot gun. A large safe in one corner of the store had been blown open with nitro-glycerin but it is believed no money was taken.

### Taxi Wrecks Street Cars.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Fifteen persons were injured when a taxi cab ran into a northbound Eighteenth street car and caused the car to leave the track and crash into a southbound car. William Pulliam, secret service man, riding in the taxicab, was injured, perhaps fatally. John Tucker, the chauffeur, said he had been struck by a thrown brick a few minutes before the accident and this caused him to run into the car.

### Wets Won in Fulton.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 19.—Local option was defeated in the city of Fulton by a vote of 540 to 410. The wets carried every ward in the city. They received an exceptionally heavy vote in the first ward, populated largely by negroes. The wets carried the city four years ago.

## ELECTRIC CARS MET IN FOG

THREE KILLED IN CRASH ON LEAVENWORTH LINES.

Train Dispatcher and Motorman Who Ignored Orders Die in Wreck.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—No vain regrets oppress the mind of G. V. Royal, train dispatcher, for a confusion of orders that caused a head-on collision on the Kansas City-Leavenworth Electric Line. Royal is dead, himself a victim of the wreck, and with him died the motorman, to whose contributing carelessness the accident was due. One other life besides those two was lost in the collision, the price of a car crew's unwillingness to wait one minute for another car to pass. About fifteen persons were injured.

Royal was the night dispatcher at Wolcott, Kan., a station on the Kansas City Western Electric Railroad, about sixteen miles from Kansas City. At 6:55 o'clock this morning he was relieved by J. M. C. Huttner, the day dispatcher. As Royal went off watch he said to Huttner:

"The northbound car due here at 6:55 is late. It hasn't reached Bethel yet. When the crew calls in from there you'd better tell them to come on through and hold the southbound special here until the northbound gets in."

Bethel is five miles south of Wolcott. As Royal ceased speaking the crew of the northbound car called in from that station, asking for orders, all of which are given over the telephone on the Kansas City-Leavenworth line. The day dispatcher followed Royal's advice and told the crew to come on through to Wolcott. Then, still in Royal's hearing, Huttner gave the crew of the southbound special orders to wait on the siding at Wolcott until one northbound car should pass.

That last order was given at 7 o'clock. Royal and the special's crew, A. W. Lowe, motorman, and George Bradley, conductor, immediately left the dispatcher's office and boarded the special, which was standing with several employees of the company and a boy on board, on the tracks just outside. The car pulled out, the day dispatcher noticed, but he supposed the motorman was running it to a switch about a thousand yards south of the office, there to await the northbound car, which was due in less than two minutes.

Instead of stopping at the switch the special dashed out of the yards and ran swiftly southward on the single tracks of the main line. At Johnson's Crossing, on a sharp curve a quarter of a mile south of Wolcott, it met and crashed into the northbound car running on its proper schedule. When the collision occurred the special was running about twenty-five miles an hour. The northbound car was trying to make up lost time, and probably was running thirty-five miles an hour. Because of the semi-darkness at that hour, which was increased by the fog, and because of the curve in the track neither motorman saw the other's car until they were almost upon one another.

There was a crash followed by a splintering and ripping sound. The lights on the cars went out. The fog closed in and everything was in darkness.

Clyde Taylor, a passenger, had been thrown over the tops of several seats. He was found in the middle of the car with both legs broken. He begged to be killed. The death he welcomed ended his agony on the way to a hospital at Leavenworth.

### SPECIAL MESSAGE TO HELP RIVER

President to Plead for Generous Appropriation for Improvement on the Missouri.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft has prepared and had sent to the printer a special message concerning appropriations for rivers and harbors. In this message a special plea is made for a generous appropriation for the Missouri river from Kansas City to the mouth.

It is understood that the president does not mention any particular amount to be spent to make Missouri river navigation easier, but it is supposed that he indicates that the recommendation of the engineers be carried out. The engineers recommended 2 million dollars a year for ten years. The special message probably will be sent to congress at once.

When the Kansas City delegation to boost for a generous appropriation for the Missouri river was here Governor Hadley and Walter S. Dickey called upon the president to urge him to use his influence in behalf of the cause of Kansas City and the entire Middle West. At the end of the conference the president promised the special message, which is now in the printers' hands.

### Seek to Assassinate Madero.

The City of Mexico, Dec. 19.—A conspiracy to assassinate President Madero and proclaim a provisional presidency, pending the coming of General Reyes to the capital to assume the office of president, was frustrated by the arrests of General Higinio Aguilar and General Meliton Hurtado of the federal army and a score of co-conspirators.

### Must Run Full Crews.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The constitutionality of the "Pull Crew" Act of Indiana, regulating the size of crews on freight, passenger and mail trains, was upheld by the supreme court.

## ONE WAY OF SAVING A BABY—FREE TO TRY

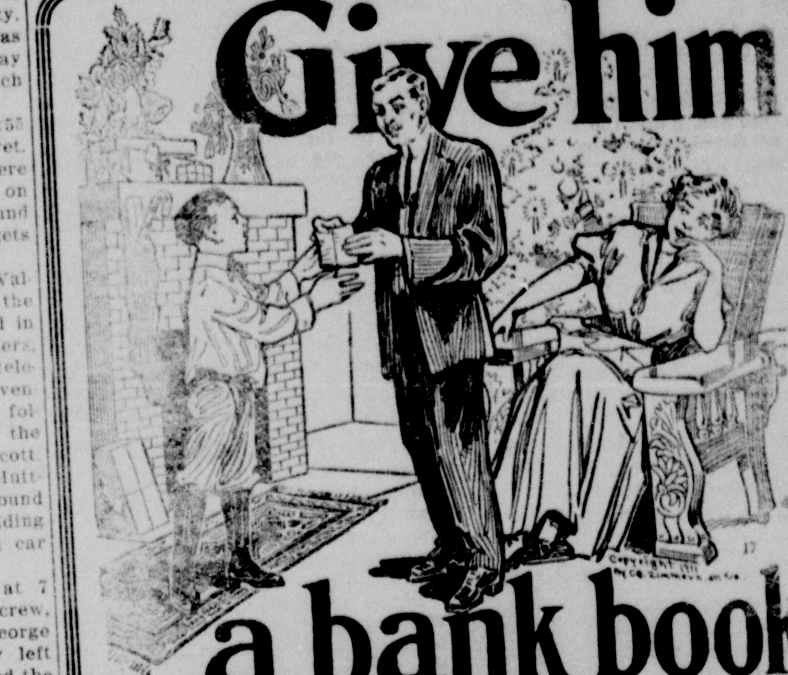
The mother does not live who would not do all in her power to keep her child healthy, but often she does not know how. So when a doctor of standing points the way all can afford to listen.

It is an accepted fact that nine out of ten of the troubles of infants and children is intestinal. You notice it by the fact that the child is constipated, it belches, is peevish and cries. Don't give a remedy that contains an opiate, because the child will get in the habit of needing it, and don't become alarmed and run at once for a doctor.

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# Little Mandy's Christmas Tree

by JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

LITTLE Mandy and her Ma 'S poorest folks you ever saw! Lived in poorest house in town. Where the fence 'uz all tore down.

And no front-door steps at all— 'st a' old box 'g'inst the wall; And no door-knob on the door Outside.—My! but they 'uz poor!

Wuz no winder-shutters on, And some of the winders gone, And where they 'uz broke they'd paste 'st brown paper 'cross the place.

Tell you! when it's winter there, And the snow is ever'where, Little Mandy's Ma she say 'Spec' they'll freeze to death some day.

Wunst my Ma and Me—when we Go'n to church, and's goin' to be Chris'mas party soon,—we went There—like the Committee sent.

And Str! When we're In the door, Wuz no carpet on the floor, And no fire — and heels—and—head Little Mandy's tucked in bod, And her Ma telled my Ma she Got no coffee but ist tea, And fried mush—and's all they had Sense her health broke down so bad

Wuz Ma hug and hold me where Little Mandy's layin' there, And she kiss her, too, and nen Wandy kiss my Ma again.

And my Ma she telled her we Go'n to have a Chris'mus-Tree 'st the Sunday School, 'at's for All the children, and fer her.

Little Mandy think—nen she Say, "What is a Chris'mus-Tree?" Wuz my Ma she gived her Ma Somopin' 'at I saw.

And say she must take it,—and She ist maked her keep her hand Witte close shut, and nen she kiss Her hand—shut ist like it is.

Nen we comed away ... And nen When its Chris'mus Eve again, And all of us chil-drens be At the Church and Chris'mus-Tree—

'And all git our toys and things 'At old Santy Claus he brings And puts on the 'tree,—wite where The 'big Tree 'us standin' there

'And the things 'uz all tooked down, And the childrens, all in town, Got their presents—nen we see They's a little Chris'mus-Tree

Witte behind the big Tree—so We can't see till nen, you know,— And it's all ist loaded down With the purtiest things in town!

And the teacher smile and say: "This here Tree 'at's hid away It's marked 'Little Mandy's Tree!' Little Mandy! Where is she?" Nen nobody say a word. Stillest place you ever heard! Till a man tiptoe up where Teachers' still a-waiting there.

Wuz the man he whispers, so 'st the Teacher hears, you know, Nen he tiptoe back and go Out the big door—ist as slow!

Little Mandy, though she don't Answer—and Ma say "she won't Waver, though each year they'll be 'Little Mandy's Chris'mus-Tree!'

For pore childrens"—my Ma says— And Committee say they guess "Little Mandy's Tree" 'uz be Wigger than the other Tree!

## The Trifle

By HARRY IRVING GREENE

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HERE was a time when Wallington had generally been conceded to be a brand new genius in the financial world—a marvelous being who could change stones into bread and serpents into fowl; then all at once he found himself in the throes of bankruptcy. He had exhausted his resources and was for the time being hopelessly insolvent. Day by day his little handful of remaining change vanished in steadily diminishing ratio as his meals became cheaper and further apart, until finally he had but a dime left. This coin he resolved to save for some last and most desperate extremity, and he even determined to fast for days before parting with it. And fast for days he did, while oft times the days came much too fast.



When Christmas eve came he had not tasted food for three days. He felt that he could endure it no longer, that the last and most desperate extremity had arrived and that now he must spend his dime. He was plunged deep in meditation when he felt someone touch his arm and turned about. Beside him there stood a gaunt man with cavernous cheeks, feverish, wild eyes, and a stomach that curved the wrong way. The apparition addressed him in a croaking voice. "For God's sake, stranger, buy me something to eat. I am penniless and upon the verge of committing crime. I have worn out my shoes looking for work, and while I have a job promised me it will be a week before it is open. And meanwhile I am starving, friend, starving. In the name of Christianity spare me enough for a meal out of your plenty."

Wallington stared into the evening dusk as he fingered his last and smoothly worn dime. He knew well enough what this other man was suffering, for had he not been in the same stage twenty-four hours before! And to give a man a dime in such a case was so grossly inadequate. Yet what could he do? He turned about. Close before him was a restaurant where he had spent hundreds of dollars in his palmy days and whose proprietor he knew well. Yet he owed a bill there for his last big after theater dinner party of many months ago, and he had never had the courage even in his semi-starvation to go in and ask for more credit. Yet now it must be done, for here was a human being starving upon the streets. Wallington shuddered. It was plainly his duty to fill this man's stomach, and for the last time he would exert those powers of persuasion which once upon



on a time few men had been able to resist. He took the stranger by the arm. "Come with me," he commanded.

They entered the restaurant and Wallington walked straight up to the proprietor. "Bob," said he, "I owe you a pretty stiff bill, but I am going to go to work in a week and then I will begin paying you off. Now I want you to do me a last favor. I owe you about forty dollars, and a couple of dollars more won't make much difference to you. It is Christmas eve and my friend over there is starving. Now I want you to fill him up to the chin on good, solid food and charge it to me. I will not ask you for any favor again if you will do this last thing." The proprietor looked at his old patron thoughtfully.

"All right," he announced at length. "Being's its Christmas eve I'll take a chance on you even if you are down and out. Tell your friend to order what he wants." So Wallington and the stranger sat down together and Wallington watched his companion fill himself with good things until at last with his stomach again curved the right way, the droop gone from his shoulders and the feverish light vanished from his eyes, the gorged one arose.

"My friend," said the stranger. "I could not have endured it another day—but of course you have never known what it is to go two days without food. And when tonight you go home and sit down to your table to your feast, remember that there is an out-cast fellow being upon the streets who is blessing every mouthful that you eat. Good-by, Christian."

Wallington held out his hand. "Good-by, stranger, and good luck to you. It was a mere trifle. Happy to have been able to give you a lift." Then he went up to Frenchy's hash house and had his dime's worth of coffee and sausage.

## WORST PENMEN IN CONGRESS

Sparkman of Florida and Adamson of Georgia Share That Honor Between Them.

"I'll bet you a dinner for ten people," said Representative Frank Clark of Florida one day last spring, according to the Popular Magazine, "that the worst penman in congress is Sparkman of my state."

"I'll take that bet," replied Hardwick of Georgia. "The man who writes the worst hand in the world is Adamson of my delegation."

Sparkman is chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors and Adamson is the head of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The two congressmen who had made the bet selected a committee to pass on the handwriting in question, and then secured letters written by Sparkman and Adamson in their own penmanship. Those letters were something horrible to see, and the judges decided that the writing of both was so bad that the writers, not the men who had made the bet, must pay for the dinner.

While the banquet was in progress Adamson told this story:

"Last winter a constituent of mine wrote to me and asked for a specimen of my handwriting, explaining that he had heard it was the worst in the world, and that he was making a study of bad penmanship. I complied with the request. In a few days he returned my letter to me, with this note:

"Fine! Am enthusiastic. Didn't know such handwriting was possible. Please send me a typewritten copy of the inclosed. I need a key to it."

## EXERCISE ON THE DECLINE

Medical Journal Says That Automobiles and Motor Boats Are Making People Lazy.

Anyone who takes an outing, particularly at the seaside, can hardly fail to notice the revolution that has taken place during the last decade in the methods of enjoying a vacation, says the New York Medical Journal. The automobile whizzes by on the roads and the motor boat sputters noisily within sight of the shore, each bearing its crowd of pleasure seekers, while even the swimmers are supported, a large proportion of them at least, by an artificial contrivance designed to keep them afloat without exertion.

Rowing, walking and swimming are the three ideal exercises, all demanding the open air and all having definite objects apart from their excellent effect on bodily health. But the modern amusements, such as motoring and motor boat racing, have nothing to recommend them save that they too require outdoor space.

Golf seems to be increasing the number of its devotees, even if the latter go to the links in high powered cars. But the writer would like to see the immense audiences of baseball and football games playing on numerous diamonds and gridirons of their own, and would welcome a regulation ten times its size to adjoin every new library. It is not only the rich who become lazy; the omnipresent trolley car embodies the favorite recreation of the poor.

## Pepsin Fifty Years Old.

The introduction of pepsin as a remedial agent effected a complete revolution in the method of restoring to normal the ailments which in the old days were classed in a group as dyspepsia.

If physicians were to observe anniversaries of the discovery of remedies which had proven a blessing to mankind the entire profession would unite in remembering the fiftieth anniversary of the first manufacture of pepsin in this country.

Just half a century ago the late John Carnrick, the eminent physiological chemist and the father of physiological products in the United States, made possible a new epoch in American medicine by producing the first pepsin.

Pepsin had been made in a small way in Europe before Mr. Carnrick's enterprise caused it to be introduced here, as it was originally suggested by Dr. Corvisant of Paris. The quality was so poor, however, that its use was distinctly limited.—Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.

## Quite a Gentleman.

"You have some beefsteak, of course?" queried a man who had hurriedly entered a butcher shop.

"Yes, sir."

"And beefsteak is good to take the color out of a black eye?"

"The best thing in the world, sir!"

"Good! Save two pounds for Riley."

"Which Riley?"

"The Riley who lives in Edward street. I'm going to black both his optics. He'll probably call in half an hour. Good evening!"

Twenty minutes later the same man came back with his coat in rags, his collar gone, his nose damaged, and both eyes puffed up.

"Did you find Riley?" asked the shopman, with a twinkle in his eye.

"I did, sir, and he has kindly consented to let me use the beefsteak. Mr. Riley is a gentleman, sir!"

# Santa Claus Located at This Store

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## Real Christmas Gifts

IF YOU have not already taken a look at this stock you have no idea how well prepared we are to "fill the bill" for the whole family. Mother could not be better pleased with anything than she would be with some of that beautiful ALUMINUM COOKING WARE. Father would be perfectly happy with any of a dozen different articles—A KNIFE,—A RAZOR,—lots of things for him. Then where could you find anything that would be more acceptable to sister or sweetheart than one of those handsome CHAFING DISHES? Then there are SKATES, SLEDS, POCKET KNIVES and any number of good things for the boys. No trouble about satisfying the whole family here. But you should make a desperate effort to do your Christmas shopping early this week—it's better for you and better for us.

# Hudson & Welch

NORTH SIDE HARDWARE MEN

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A Real Meerschaum from 75c up in a Case.

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Stores to Open Evenings.  
The stores of Maryville will be open evenings this week to take care of the Christmas shoppers. The holiday trade is proving enormous, and this week will be hard one, both for the shoppers and the salespeople. The merchants desire to have as many people do their buying in the forenoon as possible.

Many nice things for him at the Toggery Shop.

GIFTS—Diamonds, \$10 to \$300. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Solomon Clark returned to her home in Pickering Tuesday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Williams.

Contractor Lincoln Bent went to Bedford Tuesday to look after the work on the opera house he is building there.

GIFTS—Toilet sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Baker Very Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Baker of Barnard, who were called to Maryville Saturday by the serious illness of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Cara Baker, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Wilson, returned home Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Redman Baker of Barnard, who also came Saturday, returned home Sunday morning.

GIFTS—Complete stock of kodaks. See them at CRANE'S.

Miss Anna Elberger returned to her home in Clyde Saturday from a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Myers, living north of Maryville.

Double coupons at the Toggery Shop, Wednesday, the 20th.

GIFTS—Toilet sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00. See them at CRANE'S.

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## "GOOD BYE, BILL"

A JOYOUS FAREWELL UNLESS HE IS NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT.

## GRIM SPECTRE LOOMS UP

Roosevelt and La Follette Men Promise Trouble for Present Incumbent of the White House.

(BY VAN CLEVE).

Washington D. C., Dec. 15, 1911.—The great Republican hurdle race is on. The national committee has met and the big convention to nominate the man who will not be the next president will be held at Chicago June 18. The big politicians were here. They fought behind closed doors, gave out guarded interviews, and went home to fight some more.

The "big stick" and the big teeth loomed up like a grim spectre before Mr. Taft and his friends. The Taft men easily dominated the meeting but the committeemen had guests who were exceedingly troublesome. There was state chairman Brown of Ohio for instance who wanted a state wide primary in Ohio and who declared that, if he could get it, the president would not get the Ohio delegations.

Ohio promises to be the great battle ground of 1912. Senator La Follette and his friends will carry the war right into the heart of the president's play grounds. Chairman Brown is credited as an able and an astute politician and he went home openly promising trouble. Mr. La Follette is arranging an extensive speaking tour in which Ohio will be a conspicuous figure. If Mr. Taft secures the nomination, he will have the fight of his life to carry his home state. On the other hand Democratic national committeeman Garber of Ohio has been here making war on Gov. Harmon, so there are busy times ahead in the buckeye state which ever way you look.

Then there is Chairman Lee of the Republican state committee of Indiana. He was another obstreperous guest of the national committee. He says if Mr. Taft is nominated he can not carry Indiana. He says he has been out among the people and that he speaks by the card. National committeeman New on the other hand, says that Mr. Lee was sent here by way of New York and intimates that visions of the Big Stick are disturbing his slumbers. He insists that, if Taft can not carry Indiana, no other Republican can. The national committeeman from New York, also out of line, refused to attend the President's dinner given in honor of the committee and the word comes today that state chairman Barnes of the same state has joined the revolt. The President's friends here profess no alarm and the newspapers attempt to minimize the spectre but the word has gone out to all parts of the country to make sure of instructed delegations and to lose no time in nailing down the friendly state. Roosevelt may not want the presidency. He has suggested to his friends that they should not work for

him, which may be a good way to put them on edge, but he has not said he would refuse a nomination and he is not giving any comfort to either Taft or La Follette. The President will probably be nominated on the first ballot but, if he is not, it will be "Good bye Bill."

## DIED IN ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY.

Went There Seven Weeks Ago to Get Employment.

The body of John Hawks, who died Sunday night in St. Joseph, was brought to Maryville Monday night and taken to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Seals, where the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Parvin, pastor of the M. E. church, South. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

The deceased was 17 years old. He went to St. Joseph seven weeks ago and secured employment. His death was caused by pneumonia. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Helena, Mo., was here to attend the funeral. He is survived by his mother, five brothers, Willis, Henry, Woodard, Clyde and Claude Hawks, and three sisters, Mrs. Golda Still, Mrs. Sylvia Saird and Amanda Hawks. Mrs. Margaret Seals and Charles Alexander of this city are his uncle and aunt.

## E. F. JONES HERE.

Understood That He is to Remain Here Until Election Working With Local Committee.

E. F. Jones, a prominent state temperance worker, arrived in Maryville Monday night and will probably remain here until the local option election, January 5. What work Mr. Jones is to do, the temperance people will not say for publication, but it is supposed that he will work with the local option committee, aiding and assisting them in the campaign.

Dr. Albert Bushnell, who was in the city Monday and Tuesday conferring with the local committee, left Tuesday afternoon for Kansas City.

The local option campaign headquarters are located in the Roseberry building, at room 15. The committee here is not to have any more outside help than necessary in this campaign, as this movement to have the question submitted is a citizens' movement.

## A THREE DAYS' TRIP.

Normal Basket Ball Team to Play at Amity, Tarkio and Skidmore.

Coach Moore and his basket ball warriors will take a three days' trip, commencing Thursday morning, December 22. On Thursday night they will play Amity college at College Springs. From College Springs the boys journey to Tarkio, where they meet the Tarkio high school team on Friday night. From Tarkio they return to Skidmore, where they meet the Skidmore Teddy Bears on Saturday night. The locals have beaten all of these teams on the home floor and they hope to repeat on their opponents' courts. The following will make the trip: Coach V. L. Moore, Harry Mitchell, Vernie Seymour, Harlie Seymour, Roy McGrew, Fred Vandersloot and Kirby Taylor.

The initial game of a three game series which was to have been staged between the local high school team and the Normal first team on Wednesday afternoon at the Normal gymnasium has been called off. Captain Quinn's illness was given as the reason for the postponement.

## WITH U. S. BUREAU

Of Animal Industry as Veterinary Inspector at San Francisco.

Dr. J. Woods Morgan of Graham, a graduate of the Kansas City Veterinary college, has recently received an appointment with the U. S. bureau of animal industry as veterinary inspector, and reports for duty December 26 at San Francisco.

## Is Visiting Here.

B. H. Alexander of Bushnell, Ill., arrived in the city Tuesday morning for a visit here with his wife and baby at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith. They will leave the first week in January for Houston, Texas, where they will spend the winter.

## Attended Funeral at Arkoe.

G. W. Swinford and daughter, Miss Irene Swinford, and Mrs. Swinford's son-in-law, H. J. Parrish, went to Arkoe Tuesday morning to attend the funeral services of Mrs. W. S. Swinford, who was the wife of Mr. Swinford's only brother. The services were held Tuesday forenoon at 11 o'clock at Swinford church, three miles east of Arkoe, conducted by Rev. Claude J. Miller.

## REVENUE NOT ISSUE

MR. GILLAM SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE MATTER WAS RAISED.

## BETTER OFF WITHOUT IT

Cited Other Cities That Have Increased in Population and Have Got Along Without Saloons.

The temperance mass meeting held in the circuit court room Monday evening was well attended and many times were the speakers of the evening applauded heartily when they attacked the saloons here. George Moore, vice president of the local option campaign committee, presided at the meeting, and after several songs were sung, with Prof. H. J. Becker as leader, Mr. Moore called George Moore, Jr., who recited a poem on the liquor question.

S. G. Gillam was the first speaker, and delivered a speech which contained convincing arguments why the saloons should be put out of business in Maryville. Mr. Gillam said that the liquor question is wrong, and that being admitted by even those on the other side, why should they vote to retain these places. "Just because these people want to save a few dollars and cents," added Mr. Gillam.

"The question of revenue the saloons pay to the city is a most unfortunate thing for Maryville," said Mr. Gillam, "and in my opinion does more harm than good. Why can't Maryville run its city government without the licenses of the saloons? To look at the prohibition map you will find that Maryville is the only dark spot in Northwest Missouri, and the only reason it is there is to save dollars and cents."

Continuing, Mr. Gillam said: "If the saloons are a benefit to a town, why is it that many towns that have been without saloons have gained in population during the past year? For instance, take towns about the size of Maryville, with the same surroundings. There's Shenandoah, they gained 1,403 in ten years; Clarinda, 556; Red Oak, 475; Liberty, Mo., 573; and Maryville, with saloons, only gained 189 during the last decade.

"From a viewpoint of a banker, I find that in all these above mentioned towns, that the amount deposited in the banks, with one exception, is far greater per capita than is deposited in the banks in Maryville.

"To vote for the saloons from a dollar and cents standpoint, I believe, is a false theory of economy in public matters. "Only recently I have gone over the book of the police judge, and I find that out of 232 cases during the year 1911, 159 cases were for drunkenness and the majority of the other cases were directly attributed to liquor. The same thing is true in the insane asylums over the country as it is in the police court of the cities."

Attorney Ellis G. Cook followed Mr. Gillam, and in a ringing speech said that it was hardly worth while to talk on this matter, as there was only one side to the question. "There is no compromise in me," said Mr. Cook, "and on January 5 I will vote to remove these two institutions from our city, even if it takes my right arm to do it."

## COUNTY COURT TO MEET.

Special Term of the Court on Wednesday to Hear an Insane Case.

A special term of the county court will be held Wednesday, the purpose of the meeting being to take up an insane case. An information was issued stating that Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stuckhouse of Conception Junction was insane, and that she be sent by the court to the state hospital at St. Joseph, and the court is to hear this case tomorrow.

## Will Visit His Parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gile and children left Tuesday morning for Baxter Springs, Kan., to spend two weeks or more with Mr. Gile's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gile. The senior Mr. Gile formerly lived in Nodaway county and was a well known contractor and builder. The Maryville visitors spent Tuesday in Kansas City and at Bonner Springs, where they visited Mrs. Gile's uncle, Luther David, a merchant of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Airy of Kansas City arrived in Maryville Monday night to spend Christmas with Mr. Airy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Airy.

## USE IN GUIDE BOOK

RUNNING DIRECTIONS PRINTED FOR CONVENIENCE OF AUTOISTS.

## ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Party Taking Directions of 1910 Glidden Route Guests of Local Club at the Linville Tuesday

A party of Tarkio and Burlington Junction autoists came to Maryville Tuesday noon, after having taken the running directions of the Glidden tour road of 1910 from Tarkio to Maryville, for the purpose of having the same printed in the official guide book for autoists, the Blue Book. The automobile club of this city expects to take the directions from here to Savannah and back, and the Savannah club will take it in to St. Joseph.

It is necessary to have the running directions of the road before they will use it in the automobile guide book, and it is the purpose of the Maryville and Tarkio autoists to have the Glidden tour route of 1910 from Kansas City to Omaha printed in the Blue Book for next year, so the traveling autoists will use this road.

A meeting is being held this afternoon at the Elks club of the Automobile club members of this city and the out-of-town autoists, and plans are being made to get this route in the guide book.

The party from Tarkio and Burlington Junction were entertained at dinner at the Linville Tuesday by the Automobile club of this city. In the party were Mayor H. H. Hall, W. F. Rankin, J. W. Hanna, Arthur Rankin, Robert McPherson, Harry Volker, Rev. Dr. Pierce, George Luckhardt, Howard Thompson, Frank Travis, W. M. Rankin, John Stafford, C. H. Whitlow, W. F. Marshall and J. E. Travis of Tarkio, and O. F. Wilson, Jacob Drago, I. N. Staples and John Sewell of Burlington Junction, and G. B. Roseberry, Paul Sisson, George L. Whitley, Joseph Jackson, Jr., Robert G. Sanders, Mayor A. S. Robey, George McMurray, E. C. Curfman, Earl Barmann, James Todd and J. Fred Hull of this city.

## FOR THE ELEVATOR.

More Subscriptions Being Received From the Various Lodges of the City.

Nic Sturm, treasurer of the hospital elevator fund movement, reported Tuesday that the Knights of Columbus had given \$50 and that the Foresters had given \$25 to the fund for the new electric elevator in St. Francis hospital. Many circular letters were sent out Monday evening and Tuesday over Nodaway county and the country to those who had been patients at the hospital, telling them of the movement and how important the elevator is needed in the hospital, and asking that they subscribe to the fund.

## ENROLLMENT 240.

Normal School Enrollment is Good For This Term.

According to the report of George B. Baker, State Normal treasurer, 219 tuitions have been paid for the winter term up to December 19. This is a good increase over the paid tuitions of the winter quarter of 1910, which numbered 180.

The above numbers do not represent the entire enrollment, however, as free tuition is granted graduates of the Normal and winners of county scholarships of counties in this district.

The entire enrollment for this quarter is 240 up to December 19, and the probabilities are that a number of new students will enter after the Christmas holidays.

## Spent Day With Relatives.

Mrs. Edward L. Townsend and her daughter, Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend, went to St. Joseph Tuesday morning to spend the day with Mrs. Eugene F. Michau.

## Sang In Assembly.

The State Normal Quartette sang in high school assembly Monday afternoon, Mr. Orlo Quinn, a high school student, being a member of the quartette. The quartette delighted their hearers with Dudley Buck's "In Absence," and the Stein Song from "The Prince of Pilsen."

## Visiting Hopkins Friends.

Mrs. D. N. Scott and Miss Emma Schroyer and their sister, Mrs. Katherine Veeder of New Windsor, Ill., went to Hopkins Tuesday noon to visit until Wednesday evening with friends.

## PROGRAM FOR CONCERT.

Given by the State Normal Quartette at the First M. E. Church Tuesday Night.

The following program speaks for itself, of course, but to hear it will be to hear the State Normal quartette at its best. We are all proud of every member of the quartette, for they are men of individual merit. Miss Marie Jones' part on the program gives considerable added strength:

Quartet—  
O Hail Us Ye Free (from Ennui).....Arr. by Parks  
Bells of Seville.....Jude  
A Tragic Story.....Metcalfe  
In Absence.....D. Buck  
Piano—  
Spanish Dance.....Rabenstein  
Canzonetta.....Schutt  
Scherzo, Op. 45.....Kroeger  
Mr. Landon.  
Solo—Bedouin Love Song.....Chadwick  
Mr. Mutz.  
Solo—Nita Gitana.....DeKoven  
Mr. Perlin.  
Quartet—  
Chorus of Departing Pilgrims.....  
Chorus of Returning Pilgrims (from Tannhauser).....R. Wagner  
Solo—Carissima.....Penn  
Miss Marie Jones.  
Solo—Off to Philadelphia.....  
.....Old Irish Song  
Mr. Quinn.  
Quartet (old favorites)—  
Arise, Shine.....Rhodes  
Annie Laurie.....Scott-Parks  
Leonore (Spanish song).....  
.....Trotter-Nevin  
Love's Old Sweet Song.....Molloy

## FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

W. C. Pierce is Being Mentioned in Republican Circles for This Place.

W. C. Pierce of this city is prominently mentioned in Republican circles as an applicant for the Republican national committeeman from this state, which will be selected at the Republican convention to be held probably next April, at which delegates will also be chosen for the National convention at Chicago.

## FULTON, MO., WENT WET.

The Drys Carried That City Four Years Ago.

Local option was defeated in the city of Fulton Monday by a vote of 540 to 410. The wet carried an exceptionally heavy vote in the first ward, populated largely by negroes. The drys carried the city four years ago.

## Mrs. Hutton Very Ill.

Mrs. W. J. Hutton is lying dangerously ill in Ensworth hospital, St. Joseph. Her life was in grave danger Monday night, but there was a slight change for the better Tuesday morning.

## To Spend Christmas in St. Louis.

Mrs. S. R. Rowley will leave Friday night for St. Louis to spend Christmas and New Year holidays with her son, Fred A. Rowley, and family, and her daughters, Miss May Rowley and Miss Sebee Rowley. Miss Sebee Rowley is a teacher in the public schools of Webster Groves, a suburb of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Airy arrived in Maryville Monday evening and will make this city their home. Mr. Airy has a position as traveling salesman for the John Sexton wholesale grocery house at Chicago and will make his headquarters here.

Mrs. Sherman Smith of Clarinda, Ia., arrived in Maryville Tuesday to spend Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. L. Dozier, 1004 East Fourth street.

Miss Grace Danner of Burlington Junction of Blanchard, Ia., was a Maryville visitor Tuesday.

## MARCELL'S Advertisement



## Christmas Thoughts

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REFORM SCHOOL SENTENCE FOR SHOOTING INTO CREAM CANS.

## MEEKER CASE GOES OVER

Ewing and Holmes, Charged With Stealing Pocketbook, Bound Over to February Term of Court.

Hee Maines, the 15-year-old boy, was sentenced to two years in the reform school at Boonville, Mo., late Monday afternoon by Judge Ellison. Young Maines did not plead guilty and the case was presented to the court. Attorney W. G. Sawyers representing the young man. Maines was charged with shooting with a target rifle into some cream cans at the station at Burlington Junction. He will be taken to the reform school by Sheriff Tilson the latter part of this week.

Harold Ewing and Ned Holmes, the colored boy, was arraigned before Judge Ellison late Monday afternoon and pleaded not guilty. The two boys were bound over to the February term of circuit court and the court appointed W. E. Wiles attorney for Holmes. They are charged with stealing the pocketbook of Miss Mary L. Meeker at the Wabash station some few weeks ago.

Court will be in session Thursday before Judge Ellison, when several motions and a few cases will come up for disposal.

The suit of the Pittsburg Plate Glass company vs. D. E. Marshall et al., was heard before Judge Ellison late Monday afternoon. The plaintiff dismissed the suit as to D. E. Marshall and O. W. Evans, and the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland, having defaulted, the cause was submitted to the court, a jury being waived, and the court finds for the plaintiff for \$727.17.

## RIFFLE CASE UP TODAY.

Judge Peery Hearing the Case That Has Been On Docket for Many Years.

Judge J. Woodson Peery sat as special judge Tuesday in circuit court in the case of Wm. H. Riffle vs. Mary K. Riffle, to set aside a deed. The cause is being heard by the court, a jury being waived.

The Riffle case has been on the court docket for many years and is a suit whereby the plaintiff wants a deed set aside, the deed having been made, it is alleged, at a time when the plaintiff was in the state hospital at St. Joseph. The case will take up the time of the court the rest of this afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Mrs. P. A. Evans returned to her home in Ravenwood Tuesday, from a visit since Thursday with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Hughes.

## The Weather

Rain or snow tonight and Wednesday.

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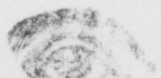
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List of Articles to Be Given to Men.

Bill Rolls	.....75c to \$4.50
Bagtags	.....75c to \$2.50
Tie Clasps	.....50c to \$9.00
Umbrellas (Hull Bros.)	.....\$5.00
Flasks	.....\$2.00 to \$11.00
Watches	.....\$1.00 to \$90.00
Fobs	.....\$1.00 to \$10.00
Pocket Combs	.....75c to \$1.00
Pocket Knives	.....\$1.25 to \$2.50
Military Brushes	.....\$1.50 to \$10.00
Traveling Sets	.....\$5.50 to \$8.50
Collar Bags	.....\$3.00 to \$4.50
Flasks	.....\$2.50 to \$8.50
Card Cases	.....75c to \$4.50
Cigarette Cases	.....\$1.25 to \$5.50
Cigar Cases	.....75c to \$5.00
Cigar Cutters	.....\$1.00 to \$2.50
Tobacco Jars	.....\$2.50 to \$8.00
Clothes Brushes	.....\$1.25 to \$5.00
Hat Brushes	.....75c to \$3.00
Key Chains	.....\$1.50
Desk Sets	.....\$8.00
Shaving Mirrors	.....\$5.00
Automatic Stoppers	.....\$3.00
Fountain Pens	.....\$1.50 to \$8.00
Match Boxes	.....\$1.00 to \$5.00
Shaving Mugs	.....\$3.50 to \$6.00
Smoking Stands	.....\$7.00

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Watches	.....\$2.00 to \$60.00
Mesh Bags	.....\$7.50 to \$8.50
Velvet Bags	.....\$6.50
Tapestry Bags	.....\$10.00
Cologne Bottles	.....\$1.25 to \$8.00
Picture Frames	.....\$2.25 to \$5.00
Desk Sets	.....\$8.00
Bonnet Brushes	.....\$2.00 to \$4.00
Neck Chains	.....\$1.25 to \$20.00
Vanity Sets	.....\$5.00
Rings	.....\$1.50 to \$250.00
Locketts	.....\$1.00 to \$15.00
Card Cases	.....\$1.00 to \$4.50
Memorandum Tablets	.....\$2.00
Puff Boxes	.....\$2.50 to \$7.00
Umbrellas	.....\$3.00 to \$15.00
Combs	.....75c to \$6.00
Music Rolls	.....75c to \$4.00
Tea Balls	.....\$2.00 to \$2.25
Bracelets	.....\$1.50 to \$15.00
Plates	.....75c to \$3.50
Vases	.....\$2.75 to \$10.00
Casseroles	.....\$3.50 to \$10.00
Spoons	.....\$1.00 to \$3.00
Forks	.....\$1.50 to \$4.00
Fobs	.....\$2.00 to \$5.00

The Georgian pattern has been a favorite for years. Come in and let us show some of the pieces. You will like it.

## IT LEADS IN HOGS

NODAWAY RANKS FIRST IN STATE OF MISSOURI.

## ONLY SIXTH IN CATTLE

Bulletin of State Bureau of Labor Statistics Gives Figures on Missouri's Supply of Live Stock.

A bulletin just issued by Commissioner Austin W. Biggs of the state bureau of labor statistics on the surplus shipments of live stock from the various counties of Missouri in 1910, indicates that this state holds high rank among the states which annually produce and ship large numbers of cattle, hogs, horses, mules, sheep and goats.

Nodaway county leads in hogs with 165,830 and ranked sixth in cattle with 30,983.

"In 1910," says the bulletin, "the farmers of Missouri shipped from the several counties 4,778,071 head of live stock, valued at \$99,741,362.

"It is estimated that there are in the state four times as many horses as mules, nearly twice as many horses as mules, nearly twice as many hogs as cattle and one sheep for every five hogs. A better idea of the immensity of the live stock industry may be secured when it is known that one-third of the state's population depends directly or indirectly upon animal products for their existence.

The ten leading counties in the number of head of cattle, hogs, horses and mules, and sheep shipped to market in 1910, with the amount shipped from each county, is given below:

"Cattle—Saline, 53,826; Clinton, 40,764; Atchison, 38,856; Vernon, 33,478; Clay, 31,904; Nodaway, 30,983; Linn, 29,925; Cass, 25,173; Jackson, 22,425; Audrain, 19,810.

"Hogs—Nodaway, 165,830; Lafayette, 86,676; Saline, 84,154; Cass, 82,650; Holt, 80,081; Clay, 69,618; Caldwell, 68,531; Boone, 67,162; Clinton, 64,322; Vernon, 63,742.

"Horses and mules—Putnam, 12,399; Worth, 9,273; Schuyler, 6,216; Greene, 5,295; Clinton, 5,381; Webster, 4,475; Shelby, 4,415; Cass, 4,371; Henry, 4,074; Callaway, 3,978.

"Sheep—Jackson, 42,147; Monroe, 26,604; Boone, 25,697; Audrain, 25,120; Clay, 24,403; Shelby, 22,139; Randolph, 18,856; Scotland, 17,278; Webster, 16,505; Schuyler, 16,011.

"There is ample room upon the thousands of acres of vacant land in Missouri for practical stock raisers. Even the rough land in the Ozarks is admirably adapted to stock raising and it is almost certain that within the next ten years the yearly output of live stock will be doubled. Missouri welcomes the farmer and stock raiser, and for the man with some means, a fair knowledge of the business and plenty of energy, the latter occupation affords an opportunity for a pleasant independent and profitable business."

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Post Office at Dick Hotchkin's and Alderman's Store Receives Many Missives.

Santa Claus is kept mighty busy these days answering the letters that are mailed at the post office at Dick Hotchkin's and Alderman Dry Goods store. He answered forty Sunday that were mailed in the Alderman store Saturday.

The post office at Dick's store is arranged very handy for the little folks, a regular post office, boxes and all, standing at the entrance, and it is the most popular thing about the place.

### BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES.

New students registering this week were Mrs. Georgia Beedle, Anna Collins, Ruth Hasty and Roy Davis. Three or four more are expected to enroll yet this week.

The Mock Trial last Friday night was well attended and every one connected with it did fine. A good crowd was present and seemed to enjoy it very much. The jury found for the prosecution.

Rev. C. H. John conducted the assembly exercises last Friday and made a splendid address. Miss Scott's solo was also much appreciated. No regular assembly will be held next Friday, but Attorney Chas. McCaffrey will address the students on Thursday morning at 9:30. McCaffrey always has something good, and the students are looking forward with pleasure.

The Christmas vacation will begin Friday noon, and will last for ten days. Work will begin again Tuesday, January 2. The work of the past four months has been excellent, and a large increase in the enrollment is expected after the holidays.

### DIED SUDDENLY.

"Acute Indigestion the Cause"—How Often Do We Read This Heading in Our Daily Paper.

Dear reader, if your food does not digest properly, but stays in your stomach, causing much misery, shortness of breath and fermentation, you are the one that should constantly have with you a box of Mi-o-na stomach tablets.

Two little Mi-o-na tablets taken at the first sign of distress would have kept many a death notice out of the papers.

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GIFTS—Sterling silver and ebony goods. See them at CRANE'S.

### On Trip to New Mexico.

Professor and Mrs. J. S. Ernest of Stanberry were in Maryville Tuesday morning on their way to Santa Fe, N. M., for a holiday trip. Professor Ernest is director of the school of music at Stanberry.

### Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infalible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, laryngitis, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough, 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

### Will Visit Her Father.

Mrs. Harry W. Starlin and baby daughter of Witten, S. D., who have been visiting her sisters, Mrs. U. I. Wilson and Mrs. Scribner Beech, Jr., went to Barnard Monday evening to spend a few days with her father, C. H. Eaton, before returning home.

### Returned to Maryville.

Mrs. S. A. Faubion and her daughter, Miss Conelia Faubion, of Maryville, who have been spending the past four weeks in Maryville with their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. W. Willoughby, and family, left for their home Monday evening.

GIFTS—Boys' and girls' books. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. William Linneman and son Herman Linneman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gebbeken visited in Burlington over Sunday with their brother, G. H. Gebbeken, and his wife.

### Her Father Better.

Mrs. James Donnelly of Conception arrived in Maryville Monday morning from Creston, Iowa, where she had been the past two weeks at the home of her father, James Ford, who is ill. Mrs. Donnelly left her father some improved. She returned to her home Monday afternoon.

### Mrs. Oliver Improving.

Mrs. J. E. Oliver who has been very ill at her home on East Fourth street for several weeks, is slowly improving, and is able to sit up a little each day.

### Her Father No Better.

Mrs. S. B. Davenport went to Bolckow Monday evening on account of the illness of her father, David Lilly, who does not improve from a protracted illness.

GIFTS—Sterling silver tableware. Low prices at CRANE'S.

### CALL FOR MASS MEETING.

All persons interested in securing the short course in agriculture for Maryville are requested to meet in the circuit court room in the court house Saturday afternoon, December 23, at 2 o'clock, when plans for securing students will be discussed.

HENRY MOORE, BURMAN WELLS, J. F. ROELOFSON, Committee.

Mrs. W. J. Staples of the Staples Millinery company has returned home from a three weeks' illness at St. Francis hospital and will soon be entirely recovered.

GIFTS—Hand-painted china plates, 75c and \$1.20. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Katherine Houghtaling of Bolckow arrived in Maryville Saturday noon for a few days' visit with Rev. and Mrs. C. H. John.

And now for the Windup of

## OUR BIGGEST CHRISTMAS SELLING

Last week's business was the largest in the history of our store, showing that our policy of fair dealing and honest prices is winning friends for us. Notwithstanding the heavy buying of last week, we are still offering many choice bargains for Christmas buyers. Some of the many lines you will find here are:

### In Our Book Section

Books for Boys.....25c

In the Alger and Henty Series, J. Fennimore Cooper, Mayne Reid, W. H. G. Kingston and other noted authors.

Books for Girls.....25c

By such noted authors as Mary J. Holmes, Bertha M. Clay, L. T. Meade and Augusta J. Evans.

Bibles, the Best Christmas Gift, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

The old folks edition, of the Holman Bible, with large clear type, good paper with references and maps, just the thing for the grand parents.

Red Letter Bible, the Holman Sunday school scholars edition, patent indexed, with illustrations and 4000 questions and answers.

Sunday School Teachers' Bible, red gilt edges with dictionary and combined concordance.

Several other styles of Bibles that will be sure to suit you.

Toy Books at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Linen and board covers. "A. B. C." books, Tom Thumb series, Mother Goose series, and numerous other kinds for the children.

Gift Books and Booklets, 5c and 10c.

A large assortment of these dainty little gift books, suitable for your scholars. Just the thing for teachers and Sunday school teachers.

We have an immense stock of plain and decorated

### Chinaware

There are complete sets and single pieces. Much of the stock is imported and hand painted ware, suitable decoration for any home.

### Special to Teachers and Sunday Schools

We bought an extra heavy stock of candies for the Christmas trade and do not want to carry any of it over the holidays. In order to close out these goods we will make extra inducements for Sunday schools and teachers buying in quantities. It will pay you to see us before placing your order. We have the best assortment in Maryville.

Then there is the plain substantial ware that is used every day in the week and the still cheaper grades that are in reach of the very poorest pocket books. These goods are here in abundance and we can supply your wants in any of these lines.

### Toys for the Little Folks

The happiest hours of our lives are those spent in childhood. The happiest hours of childhood are those centering about Christmas time. To make those hours as happy as possible should be our chiefest joy. For Christmas giving choose from this list:

Tops, Rattles, Automobiles, Wagons, Sleds, Wheelbarrows, Shoes, Blackboards, Drums, Trunks, Horses, Animals of all kinds, Balls, Marbles, Dolls from 5c to \$4.00. Many others which we have not room to mention here.

### Desirable Gifts for Grownups

Pictures—a large and complete line of Madonnas, Cupids, landscapes, scenes, etc.

Fancy Box Stationery—in the plain and decorated holly boxes for holiday selling.

Handkerchiefs—For Women, Misses and Children, Men and Boys.

Ribbons—Hair Ribbons in plain and fancy, taffeta and silk. All styles and widths.

Glassware—A large stock of the plain and iridescent ware. Stocks are complete and you can easily do your choosing here.

Come in and see us. Trade here; you will not be dissatisfied

## Hotchkin's Variety Store

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Satisfied customers are our best advertisement :: ::



# CHRISTMAS CLEARING SALE

We want to reduce our Lines by the first of the year and are going to make you Prices that on some articles are a positive loss to us. We find we have too many lines and kinds of Goods and are going to close out all broken lines regardless of cost.

## SALE COMMENCING NOW

Bargains Every Day. Space Forbids and Time is too Short to Name the Many Bargains and Surprises that we have in Store for You, Suffice to say it will be Money to You to visit us During this Sale. GET BUSY AND COME EARLY

<p><b>Clothing</b></p> <p>We have a small line of new up-to-date Clothing that we are going to close out, nothing but new stuff in this sale. At from \$15.00 to \$3 a suit, just 1-2 what they are worth.</p>	<p><b>Skirts</b></p> <p>We have a strictly new up-to-date line of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts that we are proud to show at \$4.50 up—selling at \$3 to \$5 less than they are worth.</p>	<p><b>Groceries</b></p> <p>Our grocery department is especially strong on good standard brands and as a specialty this week we offer you a good 20c coffee with a limit of 2 pounds to the family and  <b>20 Pounds of Sugar for \$1.00</b>  with each purchase of \$5.00 of other goods.</p>
<p><b>Men's Dress Shirts</b></p> <p>All \$1.50 Shirts go at \$1.00 grade at 50c grade at found on tables.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1.00 69c 35c</p>	<p><b>Rugs and Carpets</b></p> <p>We have an immense line of small and large rugs for the Christmas trade, every one of which is a bargain and will make a handsome Christmas present. A good ingrain art square for \$5.00</p>	<p><b>Flour</b></p> <p>This will be the last chance to buy the best flour made, "The Sunkist" "The Great Peace Maker" at \$1.25 per sack. Try a sack. If you are not satisfied, your money back, and the flour. A good Flour at \$1.20</p>
<p><b>Shoes</b></p> <p>We have only the best brands, principally Hamilton Brown, and Williams—nothing better at any price. They go in the sale from 50c to \$1.00 off on all men and women's shoes, Patents, Vici and Gun Metal.</p>	<p><b>Rubber Goods</b></p> <p>All Arctics and Overshoes that go in this sale are found on tables at a reduction of 25c to 50c per pair.</p>	<p><b>Canned Goods</b></p> <p>All 15c goods, 2 for 25c; all 10c goods 3 for 25c during this sale. We select your orders from this department.</p>
<p><b>Ingrain Art Squares</b></p> <p>Ingrain Art Squares, 9x12, a special bargain price for this sale only  Axminster Rugs  9x12 on sale at</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$5.00 \$17.50 \$17.50</p>	<p><b>Blankets</b></p> <p>We are long on blankets and are offering Our \$1.50 blankets \$1.00, all good values.</p> <p><b>Underwear and Hosiery</b></p> <p>All \$1.00 Sanitary underwear will be sold at 87c, 50c line at 44c and a large line of hosiery on sale at 7c up.</p>	<p>Teachers, buy your Christmas Candies here.</p> <p><b>We Buy</b></p> <p>Cream-Butter-Eggs and Chickens, and allow you the best market price. For your cream we pay cash 30 cents, trade 32 cents, Butter 25c, Eggs 30, chickens 8 1-2c in trade</p>

### Don't Forget The Place

The Same Old Place, The Same Old People, The Same Courteous Treatment

Come in and get re-acquainted

**Maryville Mercantile Co.**  
**West Third Street**



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BELIEVES IN THE PURE BRED.  
C. P. Davis of Maryville Says It Pays  
to Breed Good Stock.

Davis Bros. of Maryville had on the  
St. Joseph market Friday fifty-five  
hogs averaging 353 pounds, that sold  
at \$6.25, says the South St. Joseph  
Live Stock Journal. C. P. Davis came  
in with the shipment and was well  
pleased with the sale. "On our farm  
we have a large herd of pure bred Po-  
land-China hogs, and our hogs mar-  
keted here today were eligible for reg-  
istry," said Mr. Davis. "We, however,  
confine our breeding operations large-  
ly to the production of market hogs,  
rather than to the raising of stock for  
breeding purposes. I believe it pays  
to have good blood in the average herd  
on the farm. It costs no more to feed  
a full-blood animal than it does to fat-  
ten a poor one, if as much, and in the  
long run the returns are more re-  
munerative to the man who handles the  
pure bred. I know it has paid us  
and I believe that it will pay anyone  
in the hog raising business to substi-  
tute good blooded breeding stock for  
their scrubs."

Speaking of conditions in the vicin-  
ity of Maryville, Mr. Davis said:

"The territory immediately adjacent  
to Maryville has been rather fortunate  
in the matter of hog disease this year.  
There has been some sickness, but it  
has not been as widespread or severe  
as in other localities of Northwestern  
Missouri. A good many of the farm-  
ers attribute the sickness of wormy  
corn. Few cases of genuine cholera  
have been reported, but whatever the  
disease is that has been killing off our  
hogs, it has been responsible for heavy  
shipment of light, unfinished porkers  
to market. In regard to cattle feeding  
there are fewer cattle in the feed lots  
around Maryville than for a number of  
years. But a small percentage of the  
usual amount of feeding will be done  
in that locality this winter. The high  
price of corn is in part responsible for  
the limited volume of cattle feeding.  
Another factor is the poor quality of  
the corn this season. Corn is grading  
lower than for several years, a lot of  
it being chaffy and badly worm-eaten.  
Yields are fairly good on an average.  
On our farm, which is located on  
rather low, rich ground, corn is aver-  
aging fully sixty bushels to the acre."

Miss Lena Phillips, who has been the  
guest of Misses Irene and Verna Aley,  
returned to her home in Stanberry  
Saturday.

Xmas gifts for the men. The Tog-  
gery Shop.

Christmas  
Shopping

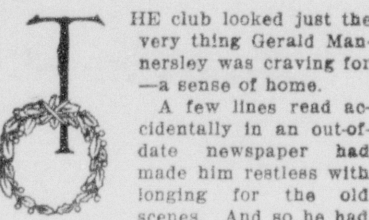
AT  
The TOGGERY SHOP

Things that are right and  
proper for men to wear.  
Any article we show will  
make an excellent present

DOUBLE COUPONS  
WEDNESDAY, 20th

THE  
Toggery Shop  
SOUTH MAIN

A Yuletide -  
Home-Coming  
By Charles McCabe



HE club looked just the  
very thing Gerald Man-  
nersley was craving for  
—a sense of home.  
A few lines read ac-  
cidentally in an out-of-  
date newspaper had  
made him restless with  
longing for the old  
scenes. And so he had  
traveled two days and nights in a  
sleeper, vaguely connecting his jour-  
ney's end with all the love and friend-  
ship his starved nature was demand-  
ing.

When he arrived at his old club on  
a chill, grey Christmas morning, it  
was only to find that fifteen years'  
silent absence had been too severe a  
test for friendship. The place was  
empty of all but servants, and they  
were strange, unwelcoming faces.

He stood at the club window, look-  
ing out on the desolate, deserted  
street which he had always remem-  
bered as being thronged, and a great  
sadness swept over him.

This was not what he wanted. From  
his pocket he drew out the scrap of  
paper which had really brought him  
so many miles, and looked at it bit-  
terly. It was only a death announce-  
ment cut from a paper of a year ago,  
and ran in the usual way—"Michael  
Townley, at his residence," etc.

In fancy he saw a sweet-faced  
maiden, who  
sought her hap-  
piness only in  
the eyes of the  
youth by her side.  
There were joy-  
bells there, too,  
as they left the  
church with the  
fragrance of mu-  
tual love about  
them.

The bells peal-  
ed on outside,  
and willing fancy led him still further  
into the realm of "might have been."

In an instant he made up his mind  
to visit once more the old-fashioned  
cottage not many miles away, to  
which he had hoped fifteen years be-  
fore to take a bride. He would go  
and see it, even if its neglected con-  
dition only added to his loneliness  
and pain.

Two hours later he was striding  
through the crisp country air along a  
winding path which led to a ram-  
bling, ivy-covered cottage.

As the last turn brought him in  
sight of the house he stopped in sur-  
prise. He had expected to see dirt,  
ruin, and decay, but instead he looked  
upon a trim, well-kept cottage, and a  
soft, crooning song, in a voice which  
reawakened the tender memories of  
long ago, came floating through the  
unlatched door.

Half believing that it must be fancy  
leading him still, he entered the house  
softly, and, following the voice, went  
into the inner room, and stood in the  
glow of the warm firelight.

The sweet, tired-faced, middle-aged  
singer turned as his shadow fell  
across the light, and then stood white  
and trembling.

"Gerald!" she whispered. "Gerald!  
have you come to reproach me? Not  
today! Not today!"

The strong man's voice broke as he  
held out his arms.

"Nance!" he cried joyfully.

In a moment she was crushed, sob-  
bing, to his breast.

"Oh, Gerald! is it really you? God  
is very good. I thought you must be  
dead."

For several moments they stood  
thus, the strong  
man's tears fall-  
ing on her grey-  
tinged hair. Then  
he gently put her  
into a chair.

"You are not  
alone?" he asked  
as his eyes  
caught sight of  
a little table laid  
for two, daintily  
spread with  
Christmas fare.

"Yes," she answered. "I am quite  
alone. I have often come down here."

"But you are expecting somebody?"

he said, calling attention to the table.

She flushed prettily, looking almost  
as young as she had in his dreams of  
the morning, as she replied:

"I was expecting you, Gerald."

He smiled happily at her; then the  
smile faded, and he sighed as he sank  
into a chair.

"This is all foolishness, Nance," he  
said sadly. "You could not live here  
in the old days, you could do so less  
now, and I could not live here on an-  
other man's thousands."

A smile hovered over the woman's  
face as she flitted here and there,  
busily preparing things for a meal.  
Then she slipped behind a chair, and  
leaning over whispered with burning  
cheeks:

"Perhaps you do not know, Gerald,  
that—that Mr. Townley's money goes  
back to his family if—if I marry  
again."

The man sprang to his feet and  
took her into his strong arms again.

"It is not too late," he cried. "We  
are still young. Will you let me try  
to make you happy?"

Her answer was drowned in the  
burst of Christmas bells that pealed  
from the village church close by. But  
he did not need her words; he could  
see her eyes.

The  
Christmas  
Store Calls Attention  
to the  
Multitude of Things  
Suitable for  
Gifts for  
Every Member of  
The Family  
Which Are Now  
On Display

In this store, under one roof and conveniently placed for quick  
choosing, are gift articles for every member of the family. The one  
place where quality and quantity go hand in hand, and where worth  
and price are always considered.

Immense stocks, the equals of which are not to be found in Mary-  
ville, make the task of selection an easy one. Service, always the  
best and particularly in times like these, assure a minimum amount  
of time lost. A delivery service which carefully carries all packages  
free of charge is another way in which we make shopping easy.

It is always best to choose early, and especially at this time, as  
stocks are changing every day. Early selection gives best choice and  
most satisfaction. Make out your complete gift list NOW and see that  
it is filled tomorrow—and mark Alderman's after each item if you  
want it filled the best possible way.

The store will be open evenings this week to aid you in selecting  
presents. Remember to shop in the MORNINGS or EVENINGS if pos-  
sible, and thus aid us in keeping up a SATISFACTORY service all  
through the day.

Thus is THE Christmas Store in readiness.

EXCOMICS FOR O. H. SMITH.

Former President of Maryville Sem-  
inary Honored Member of  
Literary Club.

The Daily Banner of Greencastle,  
Ind., contains an account of a meeting  
of the Gentlemen's Literary club of  
that place, and speaks in high praise  
of a paper read by Prof. O. H. Smith of  
Greencastle, formerly president of the  
old Maryville seminary. His subject  
was "The Menace of Wealth." It was  
so well presented that a lively discus-  
sion that lasted long after the consti-  
tutional hour for adjournment, result-  
ed. The author of the paper thought,  
however, that he could have written a  
much better paper if he had heard the  
discussion first.

But the Banner spoke especially of  
the prelude to the club's meeting,  
which consisted of a poem, a genuine  
literary gem, that was written by  
Mayor Miller of Greencastle, who dele-  
gated another member of the club to  
read the verses, which were entitled  
"Our Hearts Keep Young Forever." They  
were dedicated to Professor  
Smith, the octogenarian of the club,  
by a rising unanimous vote, the reader  
of the poem offering the following  
resolutions:

Whereas, the gentleman to whom  
this beautiful poem is dedicated is the  
honored octogenarian member of this  
club; and,

Whereas, The author of this rhyth-  
mic truth is a citizen of this city, now  
the honorable mayor and (to complete  
the climax) is a highly respected  
member of this club; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our hearts respond to  
the richest sentiments of the stanzas,  
and join heartily in their dedication to  
our scholarly brother, Professor O. H.  
Smith; that it is our sincere hope  
that the author and his friend—our  
friends—may live long to test the  
truth of the salient sentiment, "Our  
Hearts keep young forever."

GIFTS—Brooches and bracelets. Big  
line. See them at CRANE'S.

Today's Markets

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—5,000. Market steady. Esti-  
mate tomorrow, 18,000.

Hogs—23,000. Market strong; top,  
\$6.25. Estimate tomorrow, 36,000.

Sheep—18,000. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—7,500. Market steady.

Hogs—20,000. Market 5c lower; top,  
\$6.15.

Sheep—8,000. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Cattle—2,000. Market steady.

Hogs—14,000. Market slow; top,  
\$6.15.

Sheep—1,000. Market steady.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 18—  
Cattle receipts, 4,000. Market a slow  
affair today. Steers barely steady to  
10c lower, and cows and heifers steady  
with the close of last week. Too  
many cattle around the holiday period  
is not advisable.

Hog receipts, 13,500. With 60,000 at  
Chicago today, conditions were not so  
satisfactory. Market averaged 10c  
lower; top, \$6.25; bulk good hogs  
commanding \$5.60@6.15. Look for  
fairly steady market the balance of  
the week.

Sheep receipts, 2,000. Market very  
weak and slow today. Compared with  
last Monday lambs show a 35@50c de-  
cline. Choice are quotable at \$5.85.  
Sheep are 25c lower than a week ago;  
best ewes at \$3.35. Outlook is not en-  
couraging until after the holidays.

National Live Stock Commission Co.

GIFTS—Necklaces and lockets. See  
them at CRANE'S.

Xmas gifts for the men. The Tog-  
gery Shop.

Alderman Dry Goods Co.  
114-116-118 WEST THIRD STREET \*\*\* MARYVILLE MO.

Last Call For This  
Half Price Sale of Suits

The final clean-up for the season—the last  
chance to get good selections at half off.

For a sensible gift give one of these suits—  
and right now you save half.

\$40 Suits for \$20. \$35 Suits for \$17.50

\$30 Suits for \$15. \$25 Suits for \$12.50

\$20 Suits for \$10.

Save by Buying Coats Here  
During This Sale

From \$10 to \$5 reductions on all Coats  
during this sale; none held out, none reserved,  
you have unlimited choice.

Coats make a very acceptable gift as they  
are practical and useful.

\$45 Coats \$35. \$37.50 Coats \$30

\$30 Coats \$22.50. \$25 Coats \$18.75

\$22.50 Coats \$15. \$15 Coats \$10

Just Arrived and Placed on  
Sale Today--

Small Axminster Rugs in  
New Spring Patterns

Two sizes and two prices:

36 by 72 inches, in floral, oriental  
and animal designs, for.....\$3.95

27 by 54 inches, in floral and ori-  
ental designs, specially priced ....\$1.95

Very Special Values

On sale in the basement till Christmas

M. L. Cline is a new employee at the  
Berney Harris clothing store.

GIFTS—Silk umbrellas, \$2.50 to  
\$15.00. See them at CRANE'S.

A Terrible Blunder

To neglect liver trouble. Never do it.  
Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the  
first sign of constipation, biliousness  
or inactive bowels and prevent viru-  
lent indigestion, jaundice or gall  
stones. They regulate liver, stomach  
and bowels and build up your health.  
Only 25c at the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

GIFTS—500 books; were \$1.50, now  
50c. See them at CRANE'S.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c  
per bale. Plenty of timothy hay,  
straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.  
WM. EVERHART.

GIFTS—Parisian ivory. Great line.  
See them at CRANE'S.

Gloves, ties, shirts, suspenders at  
the Toggery Shop.

GIFTS—Cut glass in great variety.  
See them at CRANE'S.

A 20% Discount Sale

For the balance of this week we  
will offer all our RUGS in different  
sizes and patterns, regularly priced

at from \$1.25 to \$3.75

All linen drawn and Battenberg  
Table and Dresser Scarfs at a dis-  
count from regular prices of 20%.

Remember, we have a full stock  
of Christmas goods on hand and  
can fill your wants in this line.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS

Evan's Variety Store NORTH  
SIDE



# Their Christmas Guest

By Clarissa Mackie  
(Copyright.)

THE red farmhouse was set in the midst of a white expanse of snow. The drooping elms protected the roof with widespread arms clothed in ermine and where the crisp wind had blown away the covering the limbs were darkly sketched against the bright blue sky. A thin spiral of smoke drifted up from the big chimney and shimmered away into nothingness.

Loring tramped wearily up the path and turned the corner by the clump of boxwood where a little side porch jutted out to the south. There was a window here filled with red geraniums and the brilliant color seemed to impart warmth to his benumbed body. The steps had been swept clear of snow and he was careful to scrape his boots before he knocked at the door.

The whirring of a sewing machine stopped suddenly and quick steps came across the floor. The door flew open and revealed two faces; that of Miss Anne, timidly expectant, and the fair face of the young girl, hopeful and eager.

"Oh!" they cried in unison and their voices betrayed bitter disappointment. "We thought it might be the expressman," added Anne in explanation.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you," said Loring courteously as he bared his head. "As a matter of fact, I came to beg a night's lodging. I have rather a bad knee and it's gone back on me in the midst of a long tramp. I wonder—"

"Come in," interrupted Anne hospitably. "It's bitter cold out to-day and the drifts are awful. We haven't as many fires as we used to keep, but you're welcome to sit and get thawed out."

Robert Loring entered the low-ceiled sitting-room where a small cylinder stove gave forth welcome heat in the center of the room. The corners seemed chill and dusky, but in the circle of warmth from the stove it was very comfortable. A sewing machine was drawn within the magic circle and there was a low rocking chair and beside it a huge work basket overflowing with bright bits of silk.

Anne pushed a big rocking chair close to the stove and motioned Loring into it. "Sit close to the fire and get thawed out. Grace will fetch you a glass of currant wine—or maybe you'd rather have a cup of coffee?" She beamed hospitably at him over steel-bowed spectacles that were the color of her silvery hair.

"I would say 'coffee' if it were not so much trouble," hesitated Loring. "It does seem an imposition for me to drop in on you in this manner, but as I was explaining—"

"It will be no trouble at all. Grace will be glad to make you a cup of coffee."

The fair-haired girl hastened to a tiny cupboard and brought out a small canister and a coffee pot. Miss Anne, excusing herself for a moment, rose and left the room. Loring watching the young girl's graceful movements was suddenly impressed by a painful fact. His hostesses were unmistakably poor. The girl had shaken the last grains of coffee into the pot and filling it with cold water placed it on the top of the cylinder stove. Then she stepped to and from the cupboard to table, laying a meal on a snowy cloth. There were fresh bread and butter, baked apples and some slices of cold ham.

When she had invited him to sit down, Loring arose with many apologies upon his lips. Just then the door opened to admit Miss Anne muffled in shawl and hood and trembling with agitation. She seemed to forget Loring's presence and her words were addressed to her niece.

"Grace—what do you think has happened? That—that—he's gone!" Her thin hands flew to her face and the tears trickled between her fingers.

"Oh, Aunt Anne!" The girl threw her arm around the older woman's shoulder. "Are you sure? Why he was there not a half hour ago because I looked at him. How do you suppose he got away?"

"I guess somebody has taken him—he was so fat, too, Grace." Miss Anne sank down in a chair and slowly removed her wraps. "Oh, dear, I'm afraid your coffee will get cold. Sit down and eat your supper, sir."

"Thank you," said Loring, as he obeyed. "I hope you are not in trouble, Miss Anne? Is there anything that I can do to make things right?"

Miss Anne surveyed him with approving eyes. All at once her eyes wrinkled pleasantly and she began to laugh. "Do you think you can discover who stole the white rooster we were going to have for our Christmas dinner? I had him penned up safely and I just went out now to have a look at him and he is gone—the hen house is empty."

"That is too bad. Can't I catch an-

other one for you or was the white rooster especially fattened for the occasion?" asked Loring.

Miss Anne hesitated and looked at her niece. But the girl busied with her bright silks did not lift her eyes; a faint color glowed in her cheeks.

"There isn't another chicken about the place," said Miss Anne bluntly. "I may as well say, sir, that it was the last of my flock; that's why it is a disappointment to me."

Loring arose from his chair and reached for his overcoat. "Then it's my place to scour the country-side for one to take its place," he said firmly. "Please don't tell me not to—it's Christmas eve, you know, and there isn't a soul that expects me to do anything and I'd like to feel I was of some use at such a time. I won't return without a bird of some sort if I have to rob a roost myself."

Without waiting to hear their protests, Loring let himself out into the star-lit night and plunged into the crisp snow.

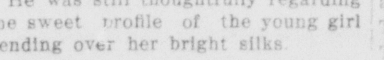
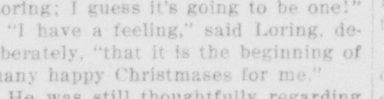
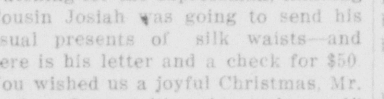
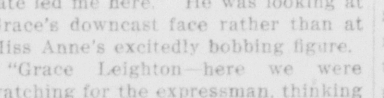
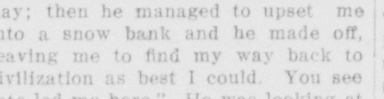
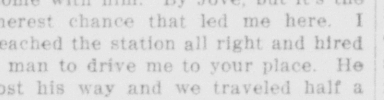
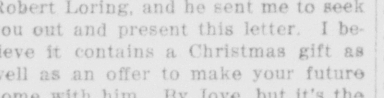
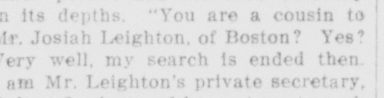
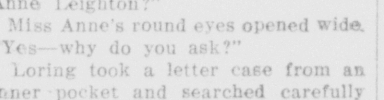
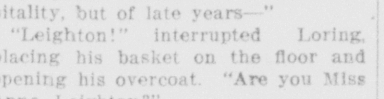
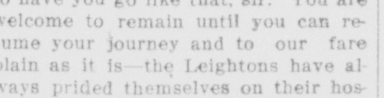
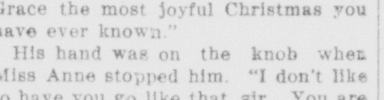
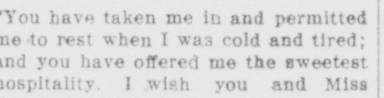
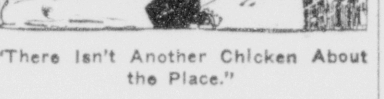
Two hours afterward when he returned heavily laden, the windows of the farmhouse glowed pleasantly and seemed to offer a welcome. As he stamped the snow from his feet at the side door he heard Miss Anne's voice raised in warm approval.

"Well, now, Grace, I believe the poor fellow will be tickled to death to get that pin book; he said the didn't have any folks—he seems honest enough."

Loring stumbled into the warm room and let his packages down on to the round table. He held his cold fingers to the heat. "I didn't find the white rooster, but I did corral the plumpest little white goose you ever saw; it's such a long time since I've prepared for Christmas that once started I couldn't stop, so I went on through the village and bought all the rest of the fixings—I hope you won't object—oh, well, Miss Anne—I shall just take my packages and have Christmas by myself in the woods."

Miss Anne's sensitive pride had prompted her to wave aside the proffered edibles, but as Loring replaced the packages in the basket she watched him all unconscious of the fact that her eyes were wistful. First went the plump goose and following it were turnips and potatoes, cranberries and onions and celery; a bag of white grapes; another of nuts and a large and tempting box of candy.

With his basket on his arm, Loring turned to the door. "I must thank you for your kindness," he said gravely.



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Christmas  
Selling

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Week in Every Department at

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You will find very many new bargains. As there must be a reason for everything, so there is a reason for this sale. We overbought in many lines, and as our yearly inventory time approaches, our stock must be at its lowest. We can count the money easier than we can measure the goods. So till SATURDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK,

## You Will Find Very Attractive Reductions in Every Department of The Store

We are simply putting such a price on Merchandise that you cannot afford to miss this sale

### DRESS GOODS

All 50 qualities.....39c  
65c qualities.....49c  
\$1.10 qualities.....85c  
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Including all colors and blacks, creams and white.

### UNDERWEAR

In union or 2-piece suits.  
All 25c grade.....19c  
All 50c grade.....39c  
All 65c grade.....49c  
All \$1.00 grade.....83c  
One lot Ladies' Union Suits, \$1.50 to \$1.65 quality, cut in this sale to \$1.00

### OUR PURCHASE

Of 129 pieces Japanese Hand-Made Battenberg Dollies, Dresser Scarfs and large size Table Covers, in round and square, are very much below value and going rapidly at.....89c to \$10.00

### FANCY PERSIAN RIBBONS

30 pieces, 50c and 60c quality, this sale.....25c  
20 pieces 25c and 35c quality, this sale.....15c  
Some are 9 inches wide.

### CHILDRENS CLOAKS

all sizes still left  
They Go at—  
**1-3 OFF**  
IN THIS SALE

### LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS

Some that will permit of a "long step" and some that "will not." All colors in plain and novelty cloths, all marked in plain figures.  
Twenty-five per cent discount this sale.

### LADIES' CLOAKS at \$9.98

On all our Cloth Garments (except two styles in black, extra fine), regardless of former prices, whether it be \$12, \$15, \$16 or \$18, we make the one sweeping price of \$9.98 during this sale.

Those who have not needed a Cloak till now are fortunate.

### LADIES' KID GLOVES

16-button lengths, in white, colors or black.  
\$3.50 quality.....\$2.85  
\$3.00 quality.....\$2.35  
\$1.75 quality, Barritz cut.....\$1.35  
\$1.50 quality, regular length.....\$1.29  
\$1.25 quality, regular length.....98c  
A few soiled.....69c  
All above in suede or kid.

You don't see our advertisement as frequent as some others for the reason it costs money to buy newspaper space. So you may know we Mean Business when we do advertise and the above and many more bargains you will find at our counter during this sale.

# F. M. PETTY

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

### MAY DISMISS ON 5 DAYS

All Schools Follow Same Plan of  
Counting Attendance, Hence All  
Gain and Lose Alike.

State Superintendent Evans has sent out the following circular letter in regard to how important it is for teachers to keep their record of total number of days attendance of all pupils. The letter is as follows:

By referring to section 10822, school laws of 1911, you will see that about one-half the state school fund is apportioned "on the total number of days attendance of all pupils." You will also find this sentence: "Any district clerk, county clerk or teacher, who shall knowingly furnish any false information in such reports, or neglect or refuse to make aforesaid reports shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment." Since the distribution of the state money depends upon the teachers' term report, and since there is a heavy penalty for willful false information, it behooves teachers to be careful in the keeping of their records.

The following is from the state department in regard to school vacations:

When school is dismissed on Thursday only of Thanksgiving week can attendance be legally counted on Thursday? Yes. Count as present on Thursday all who were present on

Wednesday.

When school is dismissed on both Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week can attendance be legally counted on either of those days? No, it cannot be. See sections 10809 and 10822, school laws 1911.

If Friday missed is "made up" on Washington's birthday can not attendance be legally counted to Thursday and Friday? No, it cannot.

If a regular teachers' association is held on Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving week, and the teachers of a school are in attendance at this teachers' association, can attendance then be counted on Thursday and Friday? Yes, all pupils present on Wednesday should then be counted present on both Thursday and Friday.

Can attendance be legally counted on Monday, Christmas day, when no school is taught that week? No it cannot; but attendance should be counted, if school is taught on the other four school days of the week.

If no school is taught during Christmas week, but school opens Tuesday, January 2, and four days of school are taught in New Year's week, can attendance be legally counted on New Year's day? Yes, all pupils should be counted present on New Year's day who were present on Friday before Christmas.

Can attendance be legally counted on Washington's birthday? Yes, if the other four school days of the week are taught.

Please tell me on what days school may be dismissed and attendance be legally counted.

On Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, New Year's day, Washington's birthday and the Fourth of July, when those days come on regular school days and school is taught on the other four school days of the week.

On days when school is dismissed by order of the board in order that the teachers may attend a teachers' association.

## News of Society and Womens' Clubs

### Will Entertain at "Liberty Hall."

The beginning senior class of the high school will entertain the advanced seniors and the members of the faculty Thursday evening at "Liberty Hall," the home of a beginning senior, Miss Eleanor Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Smith.

### Miss Nutz Entertained.

The A. Y. L. I. club met Monday night at the home of Miss Jessie Nutz. Forty-two at dominoes was the game. Miss Mabel Todd winning the prize. The hostess served refreshments.

### GIFTS—Calendars and Xmas post cards. See them at CRANE'S.

### Double coupons at the Toggery Shop, Wednesday, the 20th.

### VI Ring Brother's Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Allen of St. Joseph arrived in Maryville Tuesday from Burlington Junction, where they have been visiting Mrs. Allen's brother and sister, Jesse Walker and Miss Anna Walker. They are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Walker, just north of Maryville, Mr. Walker being another brother of Mrs. Allen, who will be well remembered in Maryville as Miss Pearl Walker. Mr. Allen is a son of C. K. Allen, formerly of Maryville.

### GIFTS—Rings in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Montgomery is Retier, Mrs. Prince Montgomery was operated on at St. Francis hospital Tuesday morning for appendicitis and is now getting along nicely.

## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

### All is Ready and the Head of the House Retires for Happy Dreams.

"Tis the night before Christmas, and all through the house not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse." Is what we thought today when we stopped at the Field-Lippman store window to view the usual decorations there. It is such a real picture of a man's den that it does not seem fair to call it a decoration. The fire is burning low for the night in the grate, its rays glow sheds a soft light over everything in the room. Bunches of holly and a vase of red and white roses with a few pictures are on the mantel and about the room. A piano, a clarinet, a violin are conspicuous. A victrola with a small dog standing near wagging his tail at the eye of "his master's voice," is very noticeable. On the table are writing materials and a letter to his wife. A little girl wishes them a Merry Christmas and tells them he has purchased a piano at the Field-Lippman store. A lounge robe thrown over the big rocker, slippers by the grate, two dolls hung up in stockings at the chimney, tells that the head of the house has retired at peace with himself and all the world.

### It is the best window in town.

### CHRISTMAS GREETING.

City Greenhouses, corner Fifth and Main. Holly, holly, holly, cut flowers, blooming potted plants, primroses, cyclamen, etc. Something new, begonias. Lettuce, parsley, also so fine eating apples. Don't forget place. One block north of pub square, Fifth and Main streets. Beano and Bell phones.

### GIFTS—Pictures for everybody. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Ethel G. Mason of Hopkins is shopping in Maryville Tuesday.



## LETTER LIST.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville postoffice for the week ending Wednesday, December 29, 1911:

Gentlemen,

Sezill, Wilfred.  
Collins, J. W.  
Wite, E. M.  
Heflin, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E.  
Holland, Tom E.  
Johnson, Charley  
Kelley, Henry  
Lee, W. H.  
Lacey, Mr.  
Moore, Wm. Cooper.  
Shorn, W. F.  
Peters, M.  
Shannon, O. I.  
Smith, J. B.  
Smith, J. W.  
Stuman, Kay.

Ladies,

Best, Mrs. Rebecca.  
Dougherty, Mrs. Alice.  
Dowling, Miss Bess (2).  
King, Mrs. E. F.  
Parton, Mrs. Nellie.  
Rennells, Mrs. Guy.  
Smith, Miss Noma.  
Templeton, Mrs. Sarah.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

S. R. BEECH, Postmaster.

**GIFTS**—Ladies' bags, \$1.50 to \$10. See them at **CRANE'S**.

Mrs. Vern Dixon and little daughter, Carrie Margaret, returned Monday evening from a visit in Pickering with her mother, Mrs. Charles Shopbell.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take **LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets**. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

## SHE GAVE UP ALL HOPE

Physicians Failed To Help Mrs. Green, But She Finally Found Relief in Cardui.

Meete, Va.—Mrs. J. C. Green of this place, says: "I suffered with womanly troubles so that I could hardly sit up. Two of the best doctors in our town treated me, and I tried different medicines, until I gave up all hope of ever getting well."

One day, I decided to try some Cardui. It did so much for me that I ordered some more, and it cured me! Today, I feel as well as I ever did in my life.

The pains and the trouble are all gone. I feel like another person in every way. I wish every sufferer could know what Cardui will do for sick women."

A few doses of Cardui at the right time, will save many a big doctor bill, by preventing serious sickness. It tones up the nervous system, and helps make pale cheeks fresh and rosy. Thousands of weak women have been restored to health and happiness by using Cardui. Suppose you try it. It may be just the medicine you need.

**N. B.**—Write for Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

Prime alfalfa hay, \$20 per ton; 95c per bale. Plenty of timothy hay, straw, chops, tankage, oil meal.

WM. EVERHART.

Mrs. Lon Fine of Pickering was in Maryville Monday evening on her way to Omaha to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. P. McDonald.

**GIFTS**—Watches of every kind. Very low prices at **CRANE'S**.

## NEAR LYNCHING AT CHILLICOTHE

Negro Had Killed White Man and Mob Had Gathered.

CHASED OVER FIFTY BLOCKS

Laid in Wait in Victim's Yard and Cut Him Down—Released From the Penitentiary Recently.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 19.—With a yelling mob of several hundred men at his heels, Gordon Kyles, a negro convict led a chase of 50 blocks over the main portion of Chillicothe and finally gave up within 100 yards of the place where earlier in the night he had stabbed Thomas Watts, a white man, to death with a butcher knife.

He was hurried to jail by Sheriff Mark D. White and two deputies before the mob, breathless from the chase, could organize to carry out threats of hanging Kyles. Late at night the mob gathered within sight of the jail and the sheriff and prosecuting Attorney Sam Sheets were pleading with its members to let the law take its course.

Kyles, several days ago insulted Mrs. Emma Dougherty, a widow who made her home with her brother, Watts. Since then the negro had been in hiding and Watts had been looking for him. Kyles was hiding in the yard of the Watts home when the white man appeared. Kyles immediately leaped upon him with a butcher knife which he plunged into Watts' body.

The negro then fled as his victim dragged himself to the house and died upon the doorstep. Kyles, an hour later appeared at the door of the police court room where men were preparing to start on a hunt for him. It is believed he was prepared to give himself up, but became frightened when the men surged in his direction, and fled with them in pursuit.

Five years ago Kyles assaulted his wife and a mob chased him then. He barricaded himself in his home and shot himself severely in an effort to commit suicide. He was quickly taken and for the assault was sent to the penitentiary from which he was recently released.

## NO CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THEM

Four to be Hanged in Chicago Friday Largest Number Since Haymarket Riots.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The week before Christmas will be hangman's week in Chicago. Friday four men—Ewald Shilawski, 24 years old, his brother, Frank, 21 years old, Phillip Sommer, 34 years old, and Thomas Schultz, 19 years old, will be hanged in the county jail for killing Fred W. Guelow, Jr., a truck farmer, the morning of October 20.

Two others, equally involved in the murder, were given life sentences because of their youth, each being 16 years old.

Frank Shilawski was a trusty in the county jail three years ago when German Bilek, a poisoner, was sentenced to be hanged, and aided in the erection of Bilek's scaffold. He recalled the fact when sounds of others at work putting together the same scaffold, on which the four men will be hanged, could be heard in the cells above.

Never since the Haymarket riots of 1887 have so many lives been taken by the state at one time.

All of the legal hangings in Cook county since the hangings resulting from the Haymarket riots have been conducted by Charles W. Peters, a deputy sheriff, who will have charge of the quadruple hanging this week. His record by that time will stand at 27 hangings.

## CONTINUE WAR ON MIDDLEMEN

Indianapolis Mayor's Campaign Results in Formation of Permanent Organization.

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank's personally conducted sales of potatoes and turkeys at cut prices have inspired the formation of an association to re-enforce the mayor in his "war on the middleman."

Two thousand shares of stock in the Wage Earners' Co-Operative association have just been put on sale at \$5 a share. Its organizers plan to open a depot where the ultimate consumer of foodstuffs shall meet the producer, thereby eliminating the jobber's profit. The campaign for extended membership will be made largely through the Central Labor union.

**Freed a Boy for Christmas.**  
Macon, Mo., Dec. 19.—A mother's yearning for her son Christmas day, a plea by an old lawyer who came from Wisconsin, together with the earnest assurance of Roy Stresse's companion, John Vail, that he wasn't a bad boy, caused Judge Shelton to release the defendant on parole. John Vail and Roy were arrested while robbing stores at Excello. Vail was an old offender. It was Stresse's first offense.

## RECEIVERS FOR WABASH RAILROAD

Unable to Meet Unpaid Vouchers for Over \$1,800,000.

REORGANIZE ON PAYING BASIS

Road Had Not Paid Dividends for Several Years—Air Brake Company Files Claim for \$18,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Judge Elmer B. Adams of the United States district court in St. Louis has appointed President F. A. Delano, and Vice-President E. B. Pryor of the Wabash and W. K. Bixby, chairman of the board of directors of the American Car and Foundry company, receivers for the Wabash Railroad company.

The order appointing the receivers was on petition of the Westinghouse Air Brake company of Pittsburgh, Pa., which filed a claim for \$18,000 against the Wabash, alleging that the road was insolvent and unable to meet unpaid vouchers aggregating more than \$1,800,000. It also was alleged, in the petition, that the company had bonded obligations due January 1, 1912, the interest on which would be defaulted.

The appointment of the receivers, which has the sanction of the recently elected Wabash readjustment committee came as a surprise to railway officials generally. The action follows a trip over the Wabash lines of Alvin W. Krench, president of the Equitable Trust company of New York, and Robert Goelot of the committee, who were in St. Louis last week. Inasmuch as the petition for a receivership was asked by both the readjustment committee and the Westinghouse Air Brake company, Judge Adams immediately granted the request without a hearing and fixed the amount of bond for each of the three receivers at \$300,000.

Lawrence Greer, counselor for the Westinghouse company, said:

"The Wabash has not paid dividends for a number of years and has unpaid vouchers aggregating approximately \$1,800,000. That sum is not large, however, when one considers the total amount of debts any large railroad has outstanding. It is the hope of the board of directors by this action to place the Wabash upon a firm footing and so re-organize the system as to make it the good investment it should be."

On behalf of the road it was stated that \$7,500,000 was required immediately for new cars and equipment. The committee in its inspection here and elsewhere sought to learn the urgent physical needs of the road.

## TWELVE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Minnesota Accident Shows Even Block Signal System is Not Fool-Proof.

Odessa, Minn., Dec. 19.—Twelve persons were killed in a wreck on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad here and ten or more were seriously injured when the second section of train No. 18, from Seattle, crashed into the first section, which had been stopped on signal.

The accident happened a short distance from the signal tower here. The section had been stopped by the tower man because of a freight train in the block ahead. The railway officials attribute the accident to the failure of the operator to set the signals against the second section. They also believe the brakeman of the first section failed to run back to flag the second section.

Among the dead are Mrs. J. M. Richards, wife of the superintendent of the Missouri slope division of the St. Paul road, and their daughter. Their home is at Moberly, S. D. They formerly lived in Kansas City.

## How Blasting Helps Crops.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 19.—Franklin county will have a demonstration farm next year, development of which will be watched by farmers of every county surrounding Franklin. The first work for 1912 will be done on this farm immediately. Experts will break up the subsoil with dynamite and plant an orchard by the dynamite method.

**Ghost of the "Tar Party."**  
Lincoln Center, Kan., Dec. 19.—Another chapter is to be added to the tar party case. Sherrill Clark and John Schmidt are asking for new trials. These two men were convicted at the regular term last month. A. N. Sims, who was tried with them, was acquitted.

**Youthful Hunter Killed.**  
Emporia, Kan., Dec. 19.—Henry Schroeder, 13 years old, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of Elvern Hill, 18 years old, at the Hill home, 12 miles southwest of here. The boys were leaving on a hunting trip. Hill does not know how the gun was discharged.

**Escaped Missouri Slayer Caught.**  
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Sam Veazey, who killed William Jones at Caruthersville, Mo., a year ago, was sentenced to the Missouri state prison for 50 years and escaped was arrested here and will be sent to Jefferson City at once.

For "His" Xmas

Men like things they can wear—that are in good taste—and that come from a man's store. Our efforts this year are rewarded by the best array of gift goods we've ever bought, including a handsome line of

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NECKWEAR  
SUSPENDERS  
MUFFLERS, ETC.**

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**M. Nusbaum**

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The reason flowers are so popular at Xmas time with people who are particular as to what to send their friends and acquaintances is because there is nothing as appropriate and they are appreciated. We have the largest and choicest selection we have ever had, including plenty of Red Roses and Carnations and other colors, and Violets, Sweet Peas, Narcissus, Hyacinths, Etc. An extra fine selection of Potted Cyclamen, Begonias, Poinsettias, Primroses, Ferns, Etc. Special made up baskets of Cut Flowers and Plants. Wreaths of holly, statice, boxwood, immortelles, ruscus, magnolia, etc. Xmas Trees, Holly, Mistletoe, Wreathing, Etc. You will find our prices reasonable and the best quality. If you cannot make personal selection write or phone us your wants with every assurance of careful and prompt attention and safe packing and delivering.

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DECEMBER 19, 1911.

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**Married by Judge Morris.**  
A marriage license was issued Tuesday morning to Gustaf R. Gartner and Miss Amelia L. Thum of Colorado, Neb. They were married by Judge J. W. Morris. The couple intends to make their home in Maryville.

Mrs. H. J. O'Donnell of Arkoe was doing Christmas shopping in Maryville Monday.

## WANTS

Advertisements are inserted in this column at the rate of three lines (18 words) three days for 25 cents. For ads larger than three lines one cent extra will be charged for each word in excess of 18. Cash must accompany order for these small amounts.

**NOTICE**—No hunting on our farms. John Yates, Wm. Briedenbeck. 16-18

**FOR SALE**—Large fireproof safe, cheap. Charles Hyslop. 10-11

**\$400.00 TO LOAN**—Abstracts of title, loans and insurance. R. L. McDougal.

"For Sale," "For Rent" and "Rooms or Rent" cards at this office, only 10 cents each.

**FOR RENT**—Two furnished rooms, with or without light housekeeping. Inquire 405 West Second street. 11

**WANTED**—Everybody to attend the shooting match at Pete Myers', 1½ miles south of town, Friday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock. Get a chance on the 150-pound pig. 18-20

**FOR RENT**—Furnished house, five or seven rooms, Jan. 1. Paved street, close in, electric lights, water and bath. Small family only. References required. Enquire this office. 27-11

**INSURE** with Hyslop. Fire tornado (farm or city), plate glass, automobile liability, accident or damage health. Contract and court bonds promptly executed.

**WANTED**—To buy five tons of old rags, also all kinds of old metals and rubber. Call or phone us and we will call and get them. Anthony's second-hand store, 207 West Third street. Phone, Hanamo 258 Red.

**SEED CORN FOR SALE**—The supply of good seed corn is short and it ought to be sold at \$3.00 or \$4.00 per bushel, but I am going to stick to the same old price of \$2.00 and \$2.25 per bushel. I haven't much, but what I have is good. Cornplanter or Boone County White and Red's Yellow Dent until March 1st. M. C. Thompson, Burlington Junction, Mo.

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## Poultry Cards

One inch cards in this column for \$1.50 per month. No card taken for less than one month at this rate.

**FINE BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK COCKERELS FOR SALE.**  
\$1.00 each if taken soon.  
Mrs. E. Shupe, R. F. D. 2, Maryville, Mo.

**FOR SALE**  
**SINGLE COMB R. I. RED CHOICE COCKERELS**  
\$1.00 EACH.  
Mrs. HENRY SMOCK, Maryville, Mo.  
R. F. D. No. 3. Phone 13-22



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FINE BOX CANDIES, CHOCOLATES, CREAMS & Fancy Candies

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Night, Dec. 19th

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## CHINA NOW HAS A PRESIDENT

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Elected by Revolutionary Convention.

### PEACE CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI

British Police Guard Building and all But Delegates are Excluded—An Officer Killed by His Own Soldiers.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected president of the new Chinese republic by the revolutionary convention sitting at Nanking. The dispatch was received here by the Chinese Free Press.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The peace conference between Wu Ting-fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and five delegates selected by each side, opened in the town hall at 2:30. All except the delegates were excluded from the building which was guarded by British police.

One of the notable facts in connection with the conference is that both of the principal personages are natives of Canton and old friends. On their first entrance into the room the greeting of the delegates was most friendly.

Tang Shao Yi said he does not represent the throne, but is a personal representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. This declaration may be regarded as significant without touching on the subject of the revolution.

The strictest precautions have been taken for the protection of Tang Shao Yi, as an intimation has reached the police that some among the more hot-headed students have been advocating his assassination on the ground that he is supporting the Manchus.

There is reason to believe that this idea is absolutely without foundation. Tang Shao Yi is an advocate of a constitutional monarchy, but does not support the retention of the Manchu dynasty. His sympathies are with the Cantonese reformers, but he does not believe in a republic.

Peking, Dec. 19.—Tuan Fang, formerly director general of the Huk-wong railroad and at one time viceroy of the province of Chi Li, has, according to information received by missionaries at Chung King, been killed at See Chow, in Chan Si province, by his own soldiers. Tuan Fang previously had dined with his officers, and suspecting their disloyalty, offered them 40,000 taels for a safe passage to Sian Fu, the capital of Shen Si Province. He then sought to escape in a chair, his brother accompanying him, but the soldiers detected Tuan Fang and one of them slashed him with a sword killing him and afterwards murdering his brother.

### SPECIAL RELIEF FUND PROPOSED

Illinois Man Would Provide \$8,000,000 for Victims of Great Disasters.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Establishment of an \$8,000,000 national fund to be used in case of disaster by fire, flood, earthquake or mine explosion, in any section of the country, is under way, according to Edgar T. Davies, chief factory inspector of Illinois.

Mr. Davies, who had just returned from Washington, said that Congressman W. W. Wilson of the Third Illinois district would introduce a bill providing for the fund in congress in January.

The plan, according to Mr. Davies, provides for an annual tax of 1¢ against each listed business in the United States. There are now 1,600,000 such concerns in the country.

### Safe Blowers at Excelsior.

Excelsior, Minn., Dec. 19.—A smothered detonation in a hardware store next door to the John Lewis, merchant, that was a warning, according to Lewis promptly called the police over the telephone and several detectives and officers hurried to the hardware store of the Luck Brothers, only to find their quarry had left a few minutes before, taking with them several revolvers and a shot gun. A large safe in one corner of the store had been blown open with nitroglycerin but it is believed no money was taken.

### Taxi Wrecks Street Cars.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Fifteen persons were injured when a taxi cab ran into a northbound Eighteenth street car and caused the car to leave the track and crash into a southbound car. William Pulliam, secret service man, riding in the taxicab, was injured, perhaps fatally. John Tucker, the chauffeur, said he had been struck by a thrown brick a few minutes before the accident and this caused him to run into the car.

### Wets Won in Fulton.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 19.—Local option was defeated in the city of Fulton by a vote of 510 to 410. The wets carried every ward in the city. They received an exceptionally heavy vote in the first ward, populated largely by negroes. The drys carried the city four years ago.

## ELECTRIC CARS MET IN FOG

THREE KILLED IN CRASH ON LEAVENWORTH LINES.

Train Dispatcher and Motorman Who Ignored Orders Die in Wreck.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—No vain regrets oppress the mind of G. V. Royal, train dispatcher, for a confusion of orders that caused a head-on collision on the Kansas City-Leavenworth Electric Line. Royal is dead, himself a victim of the wreck, and with him died the motorman, to whose contributing carelessness the accident was due. One other life besides those two was lost in the collision, the price of a car crew's unwillingness to wait one minute for another car to pass. About fifteen persons were injured.

Royal was the night dispatcher at Wolcott, Kan., a station on the Kansas City Western Electric Railroad, about sixteen miles from Kansas City. At 6:55 o'clock this morning he was relieved by J. M. C. Huttner, the day dispatcher. As Royal went off watch he said to Huttner:

"The northbound car due here at 6:55 is late. It hasn't reached Bethel yet. When the crew calls in from there you'd better tell them to come on through and hold the southbound special here until the northbound gets in."

Bethel is five miles south of Wolcott. As Royal ceased speaking the crew of the northbound car called in from that station, asking for orders, all of which are given over the telephone on the Kansas City-Leavenworth line. The day dispatcher followed Royal's advice and told the crew to come on through to Wolcott. Then, still in Royal's hearing, Huttner gave the crew of the southbound special orders to wait on the siding at Wolcott until the northbound car should pass.

That last order was given at 7 o'clock. Royal and the special's crew, A. W. Lowe, motorman, and George Bradley, conductor, immediately left the dispatcher's office and boarded the special, which was standing with several employees of the company and a boy on board, on the tracks just outside. The car pulled out, the day dispatcher noticed, but he supposed the motorman was running it to a switch about a thousand yards south of the office, there to await the northbound car, which was due in less than two minutes.

Instead of stopping at the switch the special dashed out of the yards and ran swiftly southward on the single tracks of the main line. At Johnson's Crossing, on a sharp curve a quarter of a mile south of Wolcott, it met and crashed into the northbound car running on its proper schedule. When the collision occurred the special was running about twenty-five miles an hour. The northbound car was trying to make up lost time, and probably was running thirty-five miles an hour. Because of the semi-darkness at that hour, which was increased by the fog, and because of the curve in the track neither motorman saw the other's car until they were almost upon one another.

There was a crash followed by a splintering and ripping sound. The lights on the cars went out. The fog closed in and everything was in darkness.

### SPECIAL MESSAGE TO HELP RIVER

President to Plead for Generous Appropriation for Improvement on the Missouri.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft has prepared and had sent to the printer a special message concerning appropriations for rivers and harbors. In this message a special plea is made for a generous appropriation for the Missouri river from Kansas City to the mouth.

It is understood that the president does not mention any particular amount to be spent to make Missouri river navigation easier, but it is supposed that he indicates that the recommendation of the engineers be carried out. The engineers recommend 2 million dollars a year for ten years. The special message probably will be sent to congress at once.

When the Kansas City delegation to boost for a generous appropriation for the Missouri river was here Governor Hadley and Walter S. Dickey called upon the president to urge him to use his influence in behalf of the cause of Kansas City and the entire Middle West. At the end of the conference the president promised the special message, which is now in the printers' hands.

### Seek to Assassinate Madero.

The City of Mexico, Dec. 19.—A conspiracy to assassinate President Madero and proclaim a provisional presidency, pending the coming of General Reyes to the capital to assume the office of president, was frustrated by the arrests of General Higinio Aguilar and General Meliton Hurtado of the federal army and a score of co-conspirators.

### Must Run Full Crews.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The constitutionality of the "Full Crew" Act of Indiana, regulating the size of crews on freight, passenger and mail trains, was upheld by the supreme court.

## ONE WAY OF SAVING A BABY—FREE TO TRY

The mother does not live who would not do all in her power to keep her child healthy, but often she does not know how. So when a doctor of standing points the way all can afford to listen.

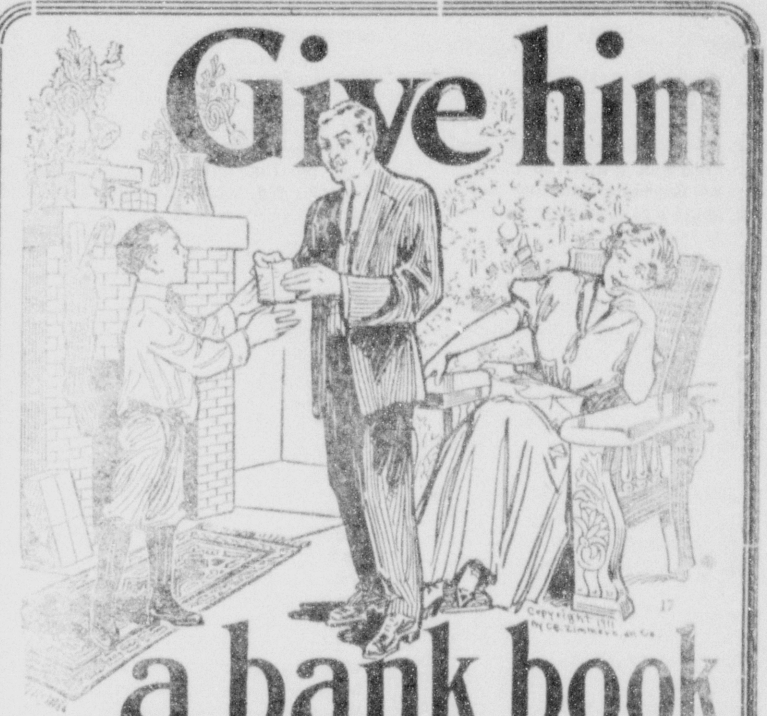
It is an accepted fact that nine out of ten of the troubles of infants and children is intestinal. You notice it by the fact that the child is constipated, it belches, is peevish and cries. Don't give a remedy that contains opiate, because the child will get in the habit of needing it, and don't become alarmed and run at once for a doctor.

Try a scientific laxative first. Give a small dose of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the remedy that is intended

for the use of children. It is mild, gentle and non-gripping. The remedy is absolutely pure and is guaranteed in every particular. Mrs. Toomey of Emingsville, Pa., and Mrs. Fred Crooms of Alanson, Mich., never give their children anything else. These are only a few among thousands of women.

You can buy a fifty cent or one dollar bottle of any nearby druggist, for they have all sold it for a generation, but if you want to test it on your child first send your address to Dr. Caldwell and he will cheerfully send you a free sample bottle.

Address him Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 541 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.



## Give him a bank book

### On Christmas Morning

It is the best present you can give a boy. It will teach him the habit of saving and he will thank you in after years for starting him on the road to fortune. You can open it with so little as a dollar, but whatever the sum is, it will help the boy more than anything else you can offer him.

Come into this bank today and let us show you how you can do it.

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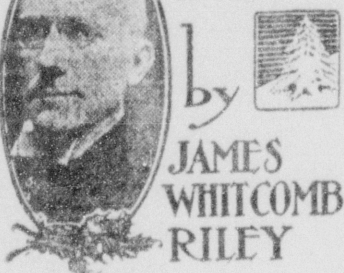
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# Little Mandy's Christmas Tree



by JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

**L**ITTLE Mandy and her Ma 'S poorest folks you ever saw! Lived in poorest house in town. Where the fence 'uz all tore down.

And no front-door steps at all— 'st a' old box 'g'inst the wall; And no door-knob on the door Outside.—My! but they 'uz poor!

Wuz no winder-shutters on, And some of the winders gone, And where they 'uz broke they'd pas' 'st brown paper 'crost the place.

Tell you! when it's winter there, And the snow is all over where, Little Mandy's Ma she say 'Spec' they'll freeze to death some day.

Wunst my Ma and Me—when we Be'n to church, and's goin' to be Chris'mas purty soon,—we went There—like the Committee sent.

And Sir! When we're In the door, Wuz no carpet on the floor, And no fire — and heeds—and—head Little Mandy's tucked in bed, And her Ma telled my Ma she Got no coffee but ist tea, And fried mush—and's all they had Buzo her health broke down so bad.

Nen Ma hug and hold me where Little Mandy's layin' there; And she kiss her, too, and nen Mandy kiss my Ma again.

And my Ma telled her we Goin' to have a Chris'mus-Tree 'st the Sunday School, 'at's for all the children, and fer her.

Little Mandy think—nen she say, "What is a Chris'mus-Tree?" Nen my Ma she gived her Ma Bomonin' 'at I saw.

And say she must take it,—and She ist maked her keep her hand Witte close shut, and nen she kias Her hand—shut ist ike it is.

Nen we comed away . . . And nen When its Chris'mus Eve again, And all of us chil-dern be At the Church and Chris'mus-Tree—

And all git our toys and things 'At old Santy Claus he brings And puts on the Tree;—wite where The big Tree 'us standin' there.

And the children, 'uz all tooked down, And the children, all in town, Got their presents—nen we see The's a little Chris'mus-Tree

Wit' the hand the big Tree—so now We can't see till nen, you know,— And it's all ist loaded down With the purtiest things in town!

And the teacher smile and say: "This here Tree 'at's hid away It's marked 'Little Mandy's Tree!' Little M a n d y ! Where is she?" Nen nobody say a word. Stillst place you ever heard! Till a man tiptoe up where Teachers' still a-waiting there.

Nen the man he whispers, so But the Teacher hears, you know, Nen he tiptoe back and go Out the big door—ist as slow!

Little Mandy, though she don't Answer—and Ma say "she won't Wever, though each year they'll be Little Mandy's Chris'mus-Tree!"

For pore children—my Ma says— And Committee say they guess "Little Mandy's Tree" 'ull be Bigger than the other Tree!

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# The Trifle



**H**ERE was a time when Wallington had generally been conceded to be a brand new genius in the financial world—a marvelous being who could change stones into bread and serpents into fowl; then all at once he found himself in the throes of bankruptcy.

He had exhausted his resources and was for the time being hopelessly insolvent. Day by day his little handful of remaining change vanished in steadily diminishing ratio as his meals became cheaper and further apart, until finally he had but a dime left. This coin he resolved to save for some last and most desperate extremity, and he even determined to fast for days before parting with it. And fast for days he did, while oft times the days came much too fast.

When Christmas eve came he had not tasted food for three days. He felt that he could endure it no longer, that the last and most desperate extremity had arrived and that now he must spend his dime. He was plunged deep in meditation when he felt someone touch his arm and turned about.

Beside him there stood a gaunt man with cavernous cheeks, feverish, wildish eyes, and a stomach that curved the wrong way. The apparition addressed him in a croaking voice.

"For God's sake, stranger, buy me something to eat. I am penniless and upon the verge of committing crime. I have worn out my shoes looking for work, and while I have a job promised me it will be a week before it is open. And meanwhile I am starving, friend, starving. In the name of Christianity spare me enough for a meal out of your plenty."

Wallington stared into the evening dusk as he fingered his last and smoothly worn dime. He knew well enough what this other man was suffering, for had he not been in the same stage twenty-four hours before! And to give a man a dime in such a case was so grossly inadequate. Yet what could he do? He turned about. Close before him was a restaurant where he had spent hundreds of dollars in his palmy days and whose proprietor he knew well. Yet he owed a bill there for his last big after theater dinner party of many months ago, and he had never had the courage even in his semi-starvation to go in and ask for more credit. Yet now it must be done, for here was a human being starving upon the streets. Wallington shuddered. It was plainly his duty to fill this man's stomach, and for the last time he would exert those powers of persuasion which once upon



on a time few men had been able to resist. He took the stranger by the arm. "Come with me," he commanded.

They entered the restaurant and Wallington walked straight up to the proprietor. "Bob," said he, "I owe you a pretty stiff bill, but I am going to go to work in a week and then I will begin paying you off. Now I want you to do me a last favor. I owe you about forty dollars, and a couple of dollars more won't make much difference to you. It is Christmas eve and my friend over there is starving. Now I want you to fill him up to the chin on good, solid food and charge it to me. I will not ask you for any favor again if you will do this last thing." The proprietor looked at his old patron thoughtfully.

"All right," he announced at length. "Being's its Christmas eve I'll take a chance on you even if you are down and out. Tell your friend to order what he wants." So Wallington and the stranger sat down together and Wallington watched his companion fill himself with good things until at last with his stomach again curved the right way, the droop gone from his shoulders and the feverish light vanished from his eyes, the gorged one arose.

"My friend," said the stranger. "I could not have endured it another day—but of course you have never known what it is to go two days without food. And when tonight you go home and sit down to your table to your feast, remember that there is an out-cast fellow being upon the streets who is blessing every mouthful that you eat. Good-by, Christian."

Wallington held out his hand. "Good-by, stranger, and good luck to you. It was a mere trifle. Happy to have been able to give you a lift." Then he went up to Frenchy's hash house and had his dime's worth of coffee and sausage.

# WORST PENMEN IN CONGRESS

Sparkman of Florida and Adamson of Georgia Share That Honor Between Them.

"I'll bet you a dinner for ten people," said Representative Frank Clark of Florida one day last spring, according to the Popular Magazine, "that the worst penman in congress is Sparkman of my state."

"I'll take that bet," replied Hardwick of Georgia. "The man who writes the worst hand in the world is Adamson of my delegation."

Sparkman is chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors and Adamson is the head of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The two congressmen who had made the bet selected a committee to pass on the handwriting in question, and then secured letters written by Sparkman and Adamson in their own penmanship. Those letters were something horrible to see, and the judges decided that the writing of both was so bad that the writers, not the men who had made the bet, must pay for the dinner.

While the banquet was in progress Adamson told this story:

"Last winter a constituent of mine wrote to me and asked for a specimen of my handwriting, explaining that he had heard it was the worst in the world, and that he was making a study of bad penmanship. I complied with the request. In a few days he returned my letter to me, with this note:

"Fine! Am enthusiastic. Didn't know such handwriting was possible. Please send me a typewritten copy of the inclosed. I need a key to it."

# EXERCISE ON THE DECLINE

Medical Journal Says That Automobiles and Motor Boats Are Making People Lazy.

Anyone who takes an outing, particularly at the seaside, can hardly fail to notice the revolution that has taken place during the last decade in the methods of enjoying a vacation, says the New York Medical Journal. The automobile whizzes by on the roads and the motor boat sputters noisily within sight of the shore, each bearing its crowd of pleasure seekers, while even the swimmers are supported, a large proportion of them at least, by an artificial contrivance designed to keep them afloat without exertion.

Rowing, walking and swimming are the three ideal exercises, all demanding the open air and all having definite objects apart from their excellent effect on bodily health. But the modern amusements, such as motoring and motor boat racing, have nothing to recommend them save that they too require outdoor space.

Golf seems to be increasing the number of its devotees, even if the latter go to the links in high powered cars. But the writer would like to see the immense audiences of baseball and football games playing on numerous diamonds and gridirons of their own, and would welcome a regulation that prescribed a playground ten times its size to adjoin every new library. It is not only the rich who become lazy; the omnipresent trolley car embodies the favorite recreation of the poor.

# Pepsin Fifty Years Old.

The introduction of pepsin as a remedial agent effected a complete revolution in the method of restoring to normal the ailments which in the old days were classed in a group as dyspepsia.

If physicians were to observe anniversaries of the discovery of remedies which had proven a blessing to mankind the entire profession would unite in remembering the fiftieth anniversary of the first manufacture of pepsin in this country.

Just half a century ago the late John Carnrick, the eminent physiological chemist and the father of physiological products in the United States, made possible a new epoch in American medicine by producing the first pepsin.

Pepsin had been made in a small way in Europe before Mr. Carnrick's enterprise caused it to be introduced here, as it was originally suggested by Dr. Corvisart of Paris. The quality was so poor, however, that its use was distinctly limited—Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.

# Quite a Gentleman.

"You have some beefsteak, of course?" queried a man who had hurriedly entered a butcher shop.

"Yes, sir."

"And beefsteak is good to take the color out of a black eye?"

"The best thing in the world, sir!"

"Good! Save two pounds for Riley."

"Which Riley?"

"The Riley who lives in Edward street. I'm going to black both his optics. He'll probably call in half an hour. Good evening!"

Twenty minutes later the same man came back with his coat in rags, his collar gone, his nose damaged, and both eyes puffed up.

"Did you find Riley?" asked the shopman, with a twinkle in his eye.

"I did, sir, and he has kindly consented to let me use the beefsteak. Mr. Riley is a gentleman, sir!"

# Kept Him Busy.

"Why this endless procession of young men?" "Oh, my daughter is very irritating. Every time she gets herself engaged she makes a formal affair of it, and sends the young man to call on me."

## Santa Claus Located at This Store

Where You Will Find a Magnificent Assortment of Beautiful and Useful Articles—the

### Real Christmas Gifts

IF YOU have not already taken a look at this stock you have no idea how well prepared we are to "fill the bill" for the whole family. Mother could not be better pleased with anything than she would be with some of that beautiful ALUMINUM COOKING WARE. Father would be perfectly happy with any of a dozen different articles—A KNIFE,—A RAZOR,—lots of things for him. Then where could you find anything that would be more acceptable to sister or sweetheart than one of those handsome CHAFING DISHES? Then there are SKATES, SLEDS, POCKET KNIVES and any number of good things for the boys. No trouble about satisfying the whole family here. But you should make a desperate effort to do your Christmas shopping early this week—it's better for you and better for us.

## Hudson & Welch

NORTH SIDE HARDWARE MEN

## Within the Reach of All

A Box of Cigars from 50c per up.  
A Nice Briar Pipe from 25c up.  
A Real Meerschaum from 75c up in a Case.

Not the kind they write jokes about after Xmas, either . . .

"MADE FOR YOUR FRIENDS" AT

## HANSEN'S 109 SOUTH MAIN

**Stores to Open Evenings.**  
The stores of Maryville will be open evenings this week to take care of the Christmas shoppers. The holiday trade is proving enormous, and this week will be hard one, both for the shoppers and the salespeople. The merchants desire to have as many people do their buying in the forenoons as possible.

**Many nice things for him at the Toggery Shop.**

**GIFTS—Diamonds, \$10 to \$300. See them at CRANE'S.**

**Mrs. Solomon Clark** returned to her home in Pickering Tuesday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Williams.

**Contractor Lincoln Bent** went to Bedford Tuesday to look after the work on the opera house he is building there.

**GIFTS—Toilet sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00. See them at CRANE'S.**

**Mrs. Baker Very Ill.**  
Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Baker of Barnard, who were called to Maryville Saturday by the serious illness of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Cara Baker, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Wilson, returned home Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Redman Baker of Barnard, who also came Saturday, returned home Sunday morning.

**GIFTS—Complete stock of kodaks. See them at CRANE'S.**

**Miss Anna Elberger** returned to her home in Clyde Saturday from a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Myers, living north of Maryville.

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